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GREAT FIGHT FOR RUNS IN TEST MATCH.

ENGLAND 22 RUNS IN ARREARS.

TATE SAVES SIDE FROM WORSE MISHAP.

VINCENT'S SUCCESS.

London, Feb. 24.
The prospect of a drawn Fifth Test match became almost a certainty to-day when England were dismissed by South Africa for 230 runs, 22 runs in arrears on the first innings. Vincent did the damage. Hendren, Hammond, Chapman and Tate were among his six victims.

It was exceedingly interesting cricket. Wyatt and Hammond opened for England before a crowd of about a thousand, in fine weather on a good wicket. They settled down comfortably and apparently had got on top of the attack when in Vincent's last over before lunch, Hammond coked one up to Mitchell. In Bell's last over, Wyatt was also sent back. Thus instead of 56 for 0, the apparently likely lunch score, two wickets had fallen.

Another Double Loss.

Hendren and Leyland, the former batting well, carried the score to 87. Leyland was out l.b.w. Turnbull joined Hendren and concentrated on keeping his end up. When Hendren was dismissed with the total at 101, however, Turnbull also faltered and his wickets were disturbed before any addition had been made to the total.

Chapman Hits Out.

With five wickets down for 101, South Africa had a great opportunity, but after Chapman had been dismissed, scoring 24 out of 25 for the sixth wicket partnership, Farrimond and Tate pulled the same together somewhat. They put on 61 runs before Farrimond fell a victim to Vincent's fine bowling. Vince failed, but Wyatt supported Tate splendidly and the Sussex player reached his fifty runs.

Immediately afterwards, Vincent clean-bowled him (223 for 9) and seven runs later the innings terminated. Tate's was a particularly fine effort, he battled with restraint, soundly, achieving his normal methods.

Only a few minutes remained for play, in which time South Africa obtained three runs without loss.

Vincent bowled 188 balls, and took 6 wickets for 51 runs. The other bowlers were expensive.

The full scores, as called by Reuter, follow:

SOUTH AFRICA.—1st Innings.

Siedel, c and b White	57
Mitchell, b Hammond	73
Christy, b Peebles	16
Taylor, c and b Peebles	16
Viljoen, c Hammond, b Tate	4
Cameron, b Vince	4
Dillon, c Farrimond, b Hammond	31
McMillan not out	29
Vincent, c Chapman, b Peebles	6
Bell, b Vince	0
Cochran, b Peebles	4
Extras	9
Total	252

Fall of wickets:—1 for 127; 2 for 131; 3 for 157; 4 for 163; 5 for 168; 6 for 203; 7 for 221; 8 for 242; 9 for 243; 10 for 252.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tate	22	4	35	1
Hammond	19	6	36	2
Vince	27	10	51	2
Peebles	27	4	67	4
White	35	9	63	1

ENGLAND.—1st Innings.

Wyatt, c Cameron, b Bell	24
Hammond, c Mitchell, b Vincent	29
Leyland, l.b.w. b Bell	16
Hendren, c McMillan, b Vincent	30
Turnbull, b McMillan	6
Farrimond, c Taylor, b Vincent	35
Chapman, c McMillan, b Vincent	24
Tate, b Vincent	50
Vince, c Bell, b McMillan	10
White, c and b Vincent	10
Peebles not out	2
Extras	12
Total	230

Fall of wickets:—1 for 58; 2 for 66; 3 for 67; 4 for 101; 5 for 101; 6 for 101; 7 for 101; 8 for 101; 9 for 101; 10 for 101.

SHANGHAI SAVINGS BANK ORDER.

WING ON'S, SINCERE'S AND SUN CO. AFFECTED.

MONTH TO WIND UP.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Feb. 25.
Several Hongkong companies have an interest in an order issued by the Bureau of Social Affairs for the Municipality of Greater Shanghai yesterday, strictly prohibiting department stores and other commercial organisations from operating unregistered savings departments.

It is believed that the order will make available for deposit in banks of approximately \$5,000,000 though the purpose of its formulation is not known.

The Social Bureau formally requests organisations controlling special savings departments to wind up the affairs of these departments within a period of one month.

The order refers to the Wing On Company, the Sincere Company, the Sun Company, all of which are Hongkong-registered concerns, as well as to a number of Shanghai department stores and other companies.

Some of them make a special feature of their savings department and insistence upon the order will be a severe blow in many cases. It is thought possible that the managers of the Hongkong-registered companies may organise a protest, but so far they have declined to comment on the situation.

NEW ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

POSSIBILITY ENVISAGED BY VICEROY.

New Delhi, Feb. 24.
In the course of conversations with members of the Indian delegation to the Round Table Conference, Lord Irwin explained that if Gandhi agreed to a settlement, the Round Table might be reconstituted, with the possible inclusion of fifteen Congress delegates.

The Conference would then be held in India, after which in the committee would be formed.

Gandhi has been six or seven times invited by Congress to conclude a settlement with the Viceroy.—Reuter.

ALL-METAL FLYING BOAT.

SUCCESSFUL TEST OF NEW MACHINE.

London, Feb. 24.
An all-metal flying boat which will be used by the Imperial Airways on the Mediterranean section of the Indian and African routes had a successful trial flight at Rochester to-day.

The first completed of three on order with Messrs. Short Brothers, it weighs fourteen tons, has four Bristol Jupiter engines developing 2,400 horse-power and is capable of a speed of 130 miles an hour. It will seat fifteen passengers and can carry one and half tons of mail.

Engine noise will be reduced to a minimum in the saloon by the use of sound-insulating material between the saloon covering and the outer skin of the hull.

When the three new flying boats are in commission, the Imperial Airways will have a fleet of thirty-four aircraft, developing a total of 48,000 horse-power.—British Wireless.

Nanking, Feb. 24.

The Ministry of Communications estimates that the Government suffered a loss of approximately \$2,000,000 in the postal administration during 1930 in the China Proper.

101; 6 for 126; 7 for 188; 8 for 188; 9 for 223; 10 for 230.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bell	30	4	63	2
Cochran	23	5	47	0
Vincent	31	2	57	6
McMillan	17	3	57	2

VEIL LIFTED ON FINANCE

PARLEY MYSTERY.

BRITISH TREASURY COMMUNIQUE.

PARIS-LONDON SCHEME OF COOPERATION.

LOAN OPERATIONS.

London, Feb. 24.
The veil has been lifted on the "mysterious comings and goings" of British and French Treasury experts, who have been engaged in protracted discussions in London and Paris, by the issue of an official statement by Mr. Snowden.

The communique states that discussions have been going on for the past two months between the British Treasury and the French Finance Ministry with the object of obtaining a frank and cordial exchange of views on the principal financial questions of interest to both countries, and with a view to promoting a policy of financial cooperation in mitigating the existing world depression.

Abnormal Gold Movements.

The underlying causes of the exceptional gold movements between London and Paris have been discussed.

It has been confirmed that the French authorities in no way welcome abnormal gold movements and have been anxious so far as possible to avoid measures tending to bring them about.

The French bank rate was reduced as an almost immediate step, and it was agreed to accept standard gold to avoid the necessity of retaining British gold.

War Debt Repercussions.

The French Treasury, while not considering that the methods of managing public funds in France have had the influence sometimes attributed to them, has nevertheless readily stated its intention of taking account, consistent with its own needs, of the repercussions which its operations might have on the monetary War debt.

It was agreed that the two Treasuries should be kept in touch on the questions arising from the reports of the Gold Delegation of the League of Nations.

It was also agreed that cardinal importance was to be attached to a resumption of foreign lending on a normal scale by the creditor countries, and the French authorities have, on many occasions, made known their desire to encourage foreign lending on the Paris Market.

Lack of Confidence.

But it is recognised that the present credit difficulties are largely due to the lack of confidence of the investor, and that it is essential that borrowing countries should themselves take all possible measures to restore that confidence.

Steps to promote effective co-operation between the markets with a view to loan operations, would contribute to alleviate the existing depression and all possibilities should be examined.

The statement goes on to say that proposals are now being formulated by experts, following the League of Nations decision to start detailed discussions with a view to facilitating and placing agricultural credits in Central and Eastern Europe, and the hope is expressed that practical results may be realised at an early date.

Important Results.

It concludes: These conversations have not been directed to establishing definite inter-governmental agreement on specific points, but have enabled contact to be established on various questions deeply affecting the financial and economic interests of both countries.

It was agreed that this contact should be maintained and further exchanges of views will be conducted as required.—Reuter and British Wireless.

MARCH STOLEN ON MR. BALDWIN.

CONSERVATIVE COUNCIL AND INDIA.

EXTRA AGENDA ITEM.

London, Feb. 24.
The Executive Committee of the National Union of Conservative Associations to-day unanimously passed a resolution, proposed by Commander Locker-Lampson and seconded by Mr. Winston Churchill, to the effect that the crisis in India is of paramount importance and the Unionist Party is called upon to make a strong stand for law and order.

The passing of the resolution appears to have been a "snap" vote organised by Mr. Churchill and Mr. Locker-Lampson.

India was not mentioned on the agenda of the meeting of the Executive, and the gathering was not considered to be of great importance. Mr. Stanley Baldwin was absent, and there were in fact only a few members of the House of Commons present, including Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

The resolution was submitted as an "emergency resolution" and Mr. Churchill spoke most vigorously on the subject, and congratulated the Council on their wisdom in including India in the business of the meeting.—Reuter.

MOSCOW AGENT'S SUICIDE.

TRAGIC END OF DOMESTIC QUARREL.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Feb. 25.
The suicide of a young Moscow official in a Shanghai apartment house yesterday morning is engaging the attention of the Settlement police.

The dead man is Mr. N. A. Logkoff, who is 29 years of age, and who is the Assistant Manager in Hankow of the Central Organization of Trade Unions (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics).

His body was found hanging from a beam in a bathroom in an apartment at No. 7, Carter Road, yesterday morning, and there is no doubt that it is a case of suicide.

It was subsequently learned that on the previous night Mr. Logkoff had had a violent quarrel with his wife.

SHANGHAI WOMAN'S CLAIM.

HUSBAND FAILS TO KEEP AGREEMENT.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Feb. 25.
In the British Court yesterday before Judge G. W. King, the hearing of a claim for £225 by Mrs. Georgina Campbell against her husband for £225.

The amount is said to be due under a maintenance agreement executed on March 19, 1930.

The hearing was adjourned.

MAJESTIC HOTEL SITE.

S.M.C. TO MAKE IT INTO CIVIC CENTRE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Feb. 24.
A plan to convert the Majestic Hotel site in Shanghai into a civic centre will be placed before the ratepayers in the form of a resolution at the annual meeting in April.

CONSULATE DISASTER.

Shanghai, Feb. 24.
In connexion with the destruction by fire of the Japanese Consulate at Changchun, Chinese messages from the latter city estimate that the damage amounted to \$2,000,000.

PROHIBITION LAW UPHELD.

SUPREME COURT'S RULING.

EAGERLY AWAITED BY ALL AMERICA.

JUDGE OVER-ruled.

Washington, Feb. 24.
The United States Supreme Court has upheld the Eighteenth (Prohibition) Amendment. All America had been eagerly awaiting the Court's ruling since the decision given by Federal District Judge William Clark at Newark, New Jersey, in December, declaring that the Eighteenth Amendment was invalid.

Judge Clark's decision was based on the contention that the Eighteenth Amendment should have been ratified by Constitutional Conventions, and not by the State Legislatures.—Reuter's American Service.

Judge Clark's Ruling.

Judge Clark decided in his ruling, which covered 42 typewritten pages, that a ratification of the Eighteenth Amendment by the Legislatures of the States instead of by the people assembled in State constitutional Conventions voided it as a part of the Constitution in violation of the Fifth Article which provides the latter method of ratification.

Judge Clark himself emphasised that the decision affected only cases before him and that the others "can do as they please."

Case Recalled.

The decision quashed the indictment of William Sprague, a town clerk of Wantage Sussex County, New Jersey, who had been charged with transporting and selling 50 half barrels of beer. The counsel for the defence was made up of lawyers prominent in New York legal circles who have been leaders in a movement begun in 1927 and of which this is the outcome, by the New York County Lawyers' Association to bring about a clear-cut test of the validity of the Eighteenth Amendment.

The same counsel volunteered its services for the defence in another case based on similar charges in which Louis E. Thibault is the defendant.

Judge Clark made it clear that in making his decision he had under consideration only the ratification of the Eighteenth Amendment and that it did not abrogate previous amendments passed under Article 5.

Essence of Ruling.

Boiled down to its essence, lawyers stated, the Clark ruling maintained that the Eighteenth Amendment is in violation of the Tenth Amendment. The Tenth Amendment declares that all powers not granted by the Constitution to Congress are reserved by the states and by the people. The argument follows that the Eighteenth Amendment operates directly upon individuals, rather than through the States, and therefore it should have been ratified by conventions (as permitted as an alternative way of amending the Constitution under Article 5) rather than by the legislatures—which was the way by which the Eighteenth Amendment was adopted.

Point Raised Before.

Edward B. Dunford, counsel for the Anti-Saloon League, and others who have followed the dry law, pointed out that exactly the same point was raised in the case of Felgenbaum v. Bodine, settled with other dry cases by the Supreme Court in 1920.

At that time half a dozen or more cases testing the validity of the dry law were incorporated into one group, known as the national prohibition cases, and argued jointly before the High Court. Approximately 44 lawyers presented the cases. Ethel Root presented the Felgenbaum case, and the foregoing argument was one of those which he presented.

In its decision the Supreme Court did not go into this argument specifically. Its ruling was unanimous in favour of the constitutionality of the law.—(Continued on Page 12.)

SEQUEL TO PARIS DRAMA.

LADY OWEN SENTENCED TO RECLUSION.

THE LORANG SCANDAL.

Paris, Feb. 24.

Lady (Edmee) Owen, widow of the late Sir Charles Owen, was sentenced at Versailles Assizes to-day to five years' reclusion, on a charge of attempting the murder of the wife of her former lover, Dr. Gastaud.

Lady Owen is a Frenchwoman and was formerly an actress.

Reclusion entails civic degradation, numerous legal disabilities and regulations, while severe strict silence is enforced.

Lady Owen's name was mentioned in connexion with the exploits of Francis Lorang, the managing director of the Bluebird Petrol Company, who was sentenced in London for misappropriation.

It was stated that Lady Owen had been left a fortune running into millions by Sir Charles Owen, and that Lorang had played the leading part in the dissipation of her money.—Reuter.

THE SILVER LOAN QUESTION.

CHINA NOW WAITING ON AMERICA.

Nanking, Feb. 24.

President Chiang Kai-shek declined to express his opinion on the proposed U.S. silver loan to China after a meeting with Mr. Paul Lineberger, Jr., son of Judge Paul Lineberger, who is representing American interests in the matter.

President Chiang said that Nanking would await an official announcement from U.S. Government before giving its view on the advisability of accepting the loan. Mr. Lineberger, Jr., left for Shanghai this evening en route to Mukden to interview General Chang Hsueh-ling.

ILL. RESIGNATIONS FROM LABOUR PARTY.

RESULT OF MEETING OF THE MOSLEY GROUP.

London, Feb. 24.

Mr. E. J. St. Loe Strachey, Labour M.P. for the Aston Division of Birmingham, a son of the former editor of the Spectator and a member of the I.L.P., and Dr. Robert Forgan, Labour M.P. for West Renfrew, both members of the Mosley group, have addressed a letter to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, resigning from the Parliamentary Labour Party.

To-day's meeting of the Mosley Group decided to continue the group's existence leaving individuals free to take any action they think fit regarding their membership of the Labour Party.

Sir Oswald Mosley to-day issued a new manifesto, outlining a programme of disciplined national effort to meet the national crisis, his manifesto being largely an elaboration of that issued at the beginning of last December.—Reuter.

A BIG NEWSPAPER DEAL.

SCRIPPS-HOWARD GROUP ACTIVE.

New York, Feb. 24.

Negotiations are progressing for the sale of the Evening World, the Morning World, and the Sunday World to the Scripps-Howard group, the most formidable rivals of the Hearst papers.—Reuter's American Service.

CELTIC'S NARROW VICTORY.

HAMILTON PUT UP FIGHT AT IBROX.

London, Feb. 24.

Playing at Ibrox Park in the Scottish League to-day, Celtic defeated Hamilton Academicals by two goals to one.—Reuter.

BRITISH NAVAL DIPLOMATS

BOUND FOR ROME.

AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE.

FIVE-POWER TREATY QUEST.

ITALY THE LAST.

London, Feb. 25.

Britain's unremitting efforts to bring France and Italy into the London Naval Agreement appear likely to succeed. An arrangement securing French adhesion has been virtually realised. It is now up to Italy. Mr. A. V. Alexander and Mr. Henderson have left for Rome.

Negotiations on naval limitation between the Foreign Secretary and the First Lord of the Admiralty have been going on in Paris with M. Briand, the French Foreign Minister and M. Bismont, the French Minister of Marine for some days.

After to-day's last session, although no official information was issued, it was understood that such excellent progress had been made that as a result the British Ministers, accompanied by technical advisers, who had taken part in the Paris conversations, decided to proceed to Rome to-night to discuss the questions with the Italian Government.

Object of Parleys.

Broadly stated, the object of the present negotiations, as of the preliminary conversations which Mr. Craigie, of the Foreign Office, has had during recent months with French and Italian experts in Paris, Rome and Geneva, is to overcome the difficulties which remained after the Five-Power Naval Conference held in London a year ago.

As a result of that Conference, a Three-Power Treaty was signed between Britain, the United States and Japan, while France and Italy were to continue negotiations, which, it was hoped, would enable them to adhere to a Five-Power Treaty.

British Mediation.

The object of the British negotiators has been to facilitate a naval agreement between France and Italy of such a nature as would eliminate any need on the part of Britain to invoke Article 21 of the Three Power Treaty, whereby Britain, if compelled to do so by Continental building, might revise the limits laid down in that part.

The other Powers signatory to the London Naval Treaty are being kept informed of all developments.—British Wireless.

Paris, Feb. 24.
A Franco-British agreement has been virtually reached regarding the conditions upon which France will become a party to the full London Naval Treaty.

This fact was gathered from a British source after a lunch given by M. Briand to Mr. Arthur Henderson and Mr. A. V. Alexander.

Italy's Acceptance Needed.

Last year's Triple London Naval Agreement will accordingly become a Quintuple Pact, if Italy joins in with the Franco-British agreement. Otherwise the latter will fall to the ground, Britain having hitherto refused to agree to a safeguard clause under which France will resume liberty of action should Italy intensify naval building.

Mr. Henderson, the British Foreign Secretary, and Mr. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, are leaving for Rome to-night to meet members of the Italian Government.

Later.

The British Cabinet Ministers concerned in the naval negotiations entrained for Rome to-night.—Reuter.

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Sir William Hornell presided. The Chairman announced that new members of the Club were Rotarian J. W. Hundred and Rotarian Alfred Morris. He welcomed Messrs. J. L. Edmondson, Joseph Wild, George Green and F. A. Barnes, members of the Economic Mission, and Mr. B. Raworth, of the General Electric Company, a non-Rotarian visitor.

In introducing the speaker the Chairman said that he was a Director of Lloyd's Bank, a Director of Messrs. Bellas and Morcom, Ltd., and Chairman of the British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers Association. He served with distinction during the war.

Speaking on the subject of "Balance in Commerce," Lieut. Col. Morcom said:—Mr. Chairman and assembled Rotarians.—Having had the privilege of picking the brains of so many of those present, I have come to the conclusion that it is not as an engineer you have asked me to address you, but as a member of an Economic Mission. I do not know exactly what is a suitable subject for a post-dinner address, but I have a fair idea of what is not.

Indigestible Subjects.
For instance, the effect of diversity factor on the price of electric supply, or the use of high super-heated oil shipboard, would be much too indigestible. Experience shows me that what you really like is some soothing subject, such as "Thoughts on Present Discontents," or "Trade Depression."—(Laughter). There is another reason for avoiding an engineering topic. There are times when engineers are extolled as benefactors of mankind, but in the state of mental clarity which usually follows a heavy lunch, I do not think that idea would be accepted. As the proverb says in vino, or beer, or whisky, as the case may be, veritas.

Let it be confessed here that the engineer is the real villain of the piece. Without him, we should still be living in the good old days of flint arrows, homespun, carts and coracles. He has replaced these by destructive armaments, mass-produced textiles, lorries and liners.

Einstein would tell you that if a body is in swift motion, its dimensions are no longer constant, but are reduced in the direction of motion. So engineers, by speeding up the processes of humanity, have so reduced the size of the economic world that nations jostle one another, and what were simple affairs of family or clan take on an international aspect. Had it not been for this speeding up, you would not be plagued by economic missions. In fact, most of you would not be here at all.

But that is not the end of the indictment, for it was the engineers who foisted on the world their Frankenstein's monster of industrialisation. Under the tender care of capitalists and their attendant artisans, the monster has grown to such huge dimensions that his rampaging becomes more and more difficult to control.

I do not think that the engineer should get all the blame, for he primarily made his machines to save labour. It was others who as-

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sumed that their primary use was to increase output, and it is this fundamental misconception which causes the economist to spend so much time trying to square the vicious circle.

"Why" Squeezed Out.

In our daily life we are so taken up with how, when and where, that "why" is often squeezed out of our calculations. Why do we over-produce or under-consume? Why, even, should we buy or sell at all?

of those concerned are regarded as merely of academic interest. This neglect of "why" is responsible for much of the current loose thinking and neglect of fundamental truths. We even forget that Man is an animal, who, before he can do anything else, must eat, so that the essential worker in the agriculturalist, Governments, traders, industrialists and industrial workers, are merely parasites on agriculture. All the parasites need feeding, and the whole complicated structure of civilisation is devised to ensure their food supply, and to enable them to eat it in comfort, variety and security. In return, the parasites must render service to the farmer by lightening his labour, by transporting his surplus, by supplying him with clothes, utensils, and other amenities, and, generally, raising his standard of living.

I am afraid that industrial workers the world over are so busy calling other people parasites that they forget to apply the epithet to themselves. Yet, when your British workman clamours for his cheap tea table, or his cheap rice pudding, he is directly encouraging under-payment in tea and rice producing countries. We may deplore cheap labour or child labour in other countries, but that does not stop us from buying a cheap pair of Japanese socks, or a cheap piece of Chinese silk, thereby giving

tacit consent to the very conditions we deprecate. It is not to the point to cast the blame on greedy employers.

Cheap Food Result.

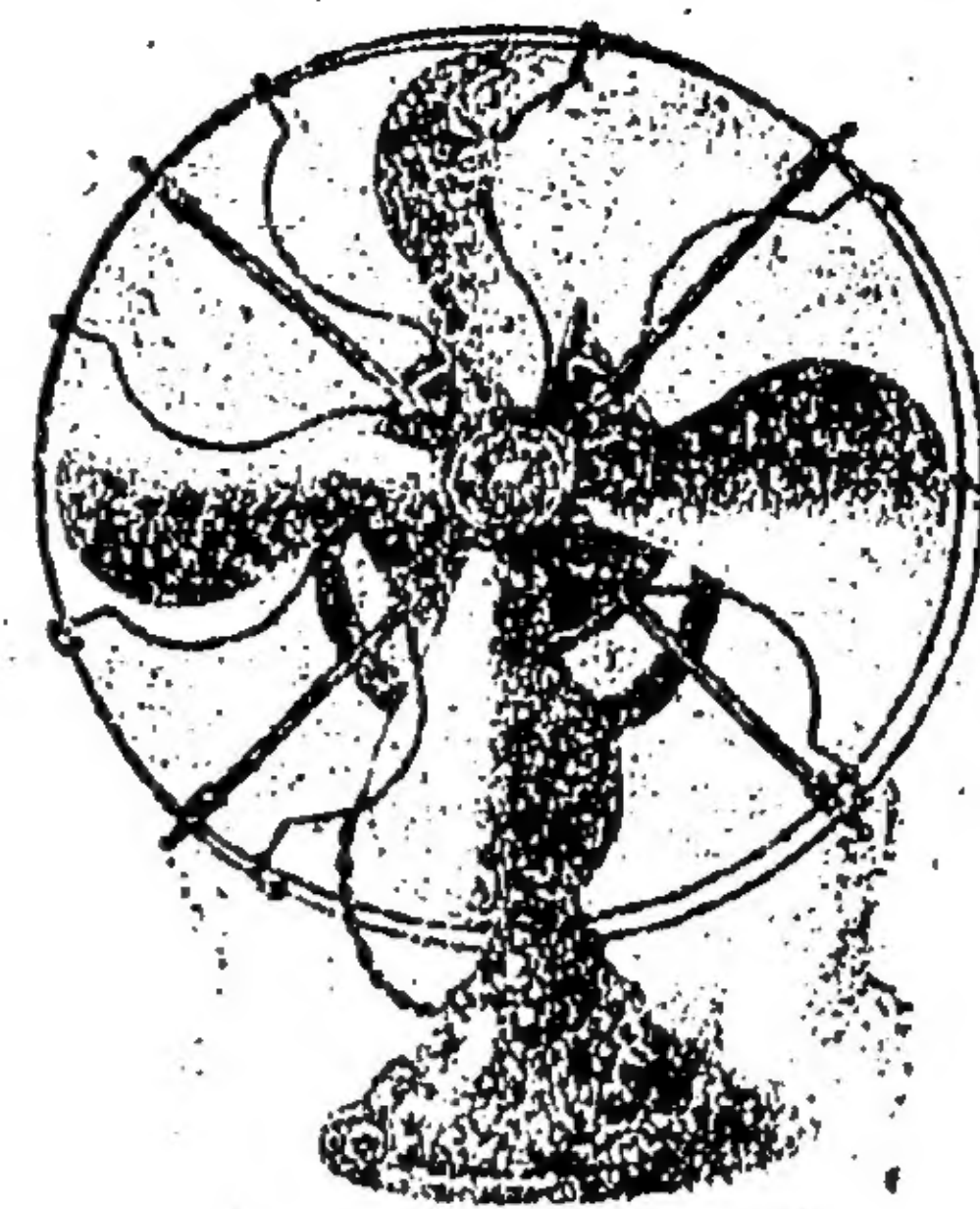
Cheap labourers, men, women and children, seek employment in Eastern factories, largely to escape from the thralldom of agriculture, a direct result of the cheap food demand of organised industry. The women are better off in the factories than in the fields and the

children are much better with their mothers than left untended in the streets. In fact, the mothers would probably go on strike if they could not have their children with them. If there are abuses, then, given a chance, public opinion will be a sure cure, for I am a great believer in the force of public opinion, and see in its steady improvement the clearest working of what Tennyson calls the "one unceasing purpose." I maintain that public opinion has

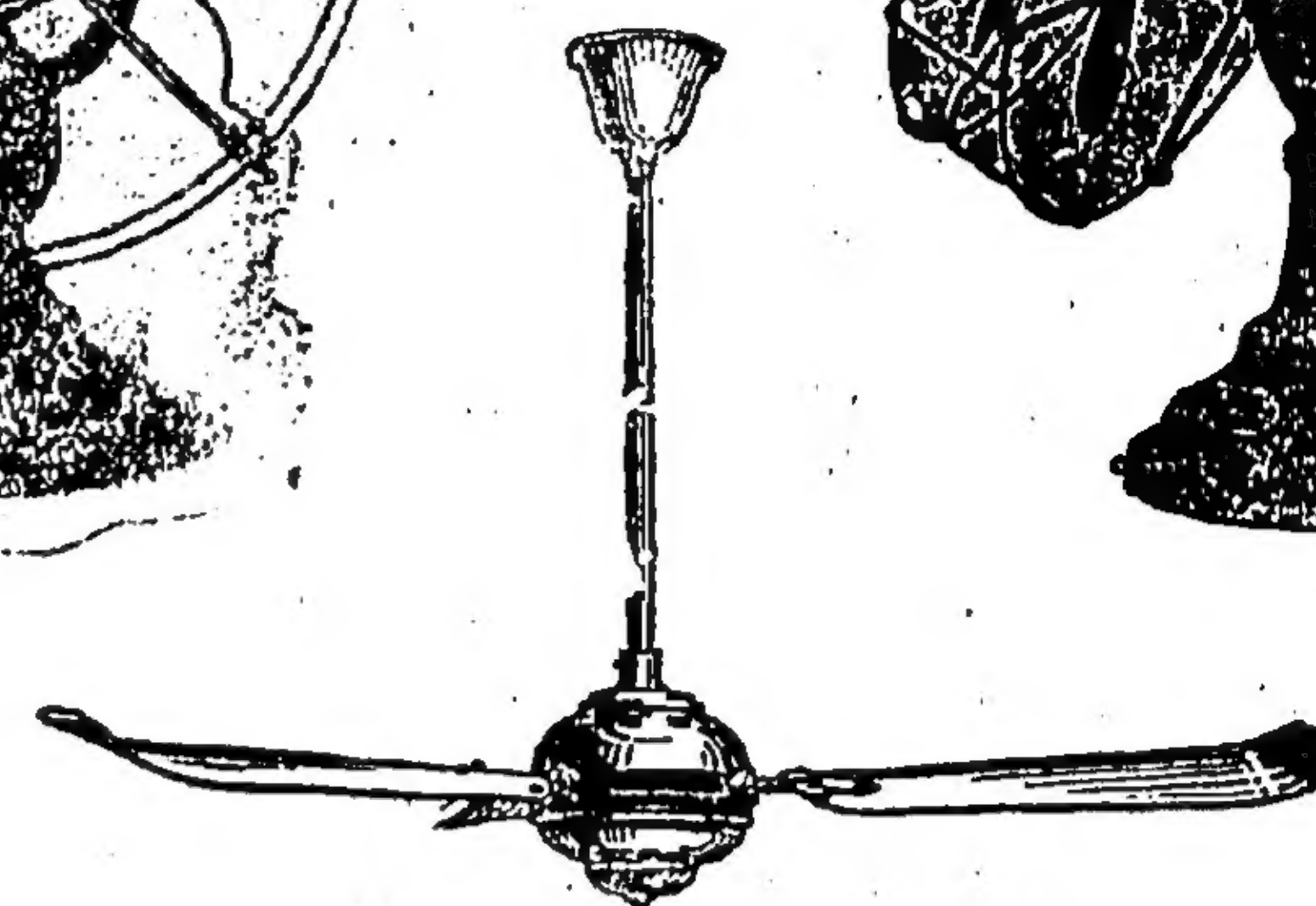
done more towards human betterment, and more towards human legislation, than all the trades unions in the world. It is even arguable that agitation, by provoking antagonism, has slowed up the process of evolution. The true function of organised labour is often obscured by accepting surmise instead of fact. For instance, good employers of labour do not fear the competition of bad employers, and

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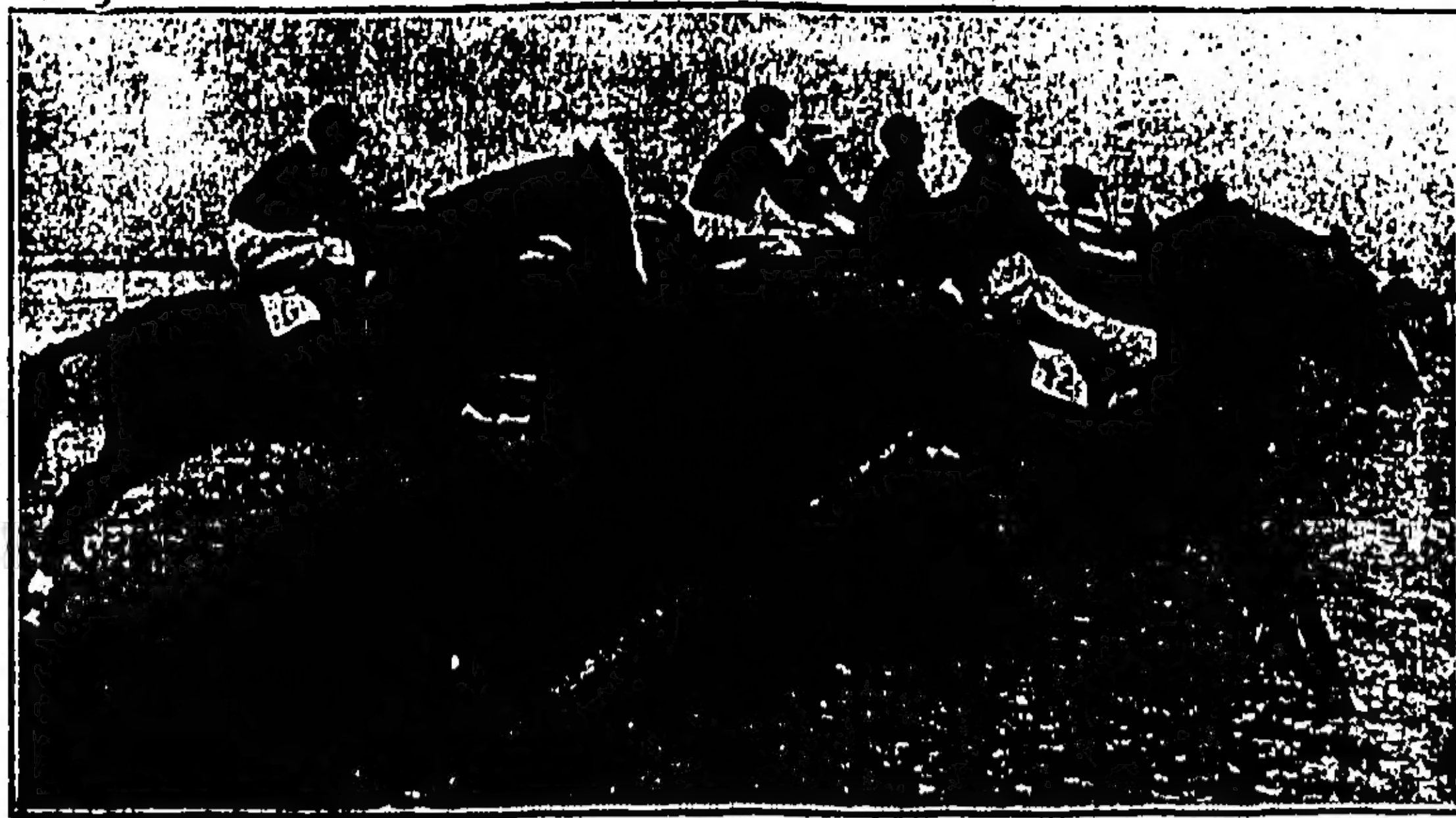




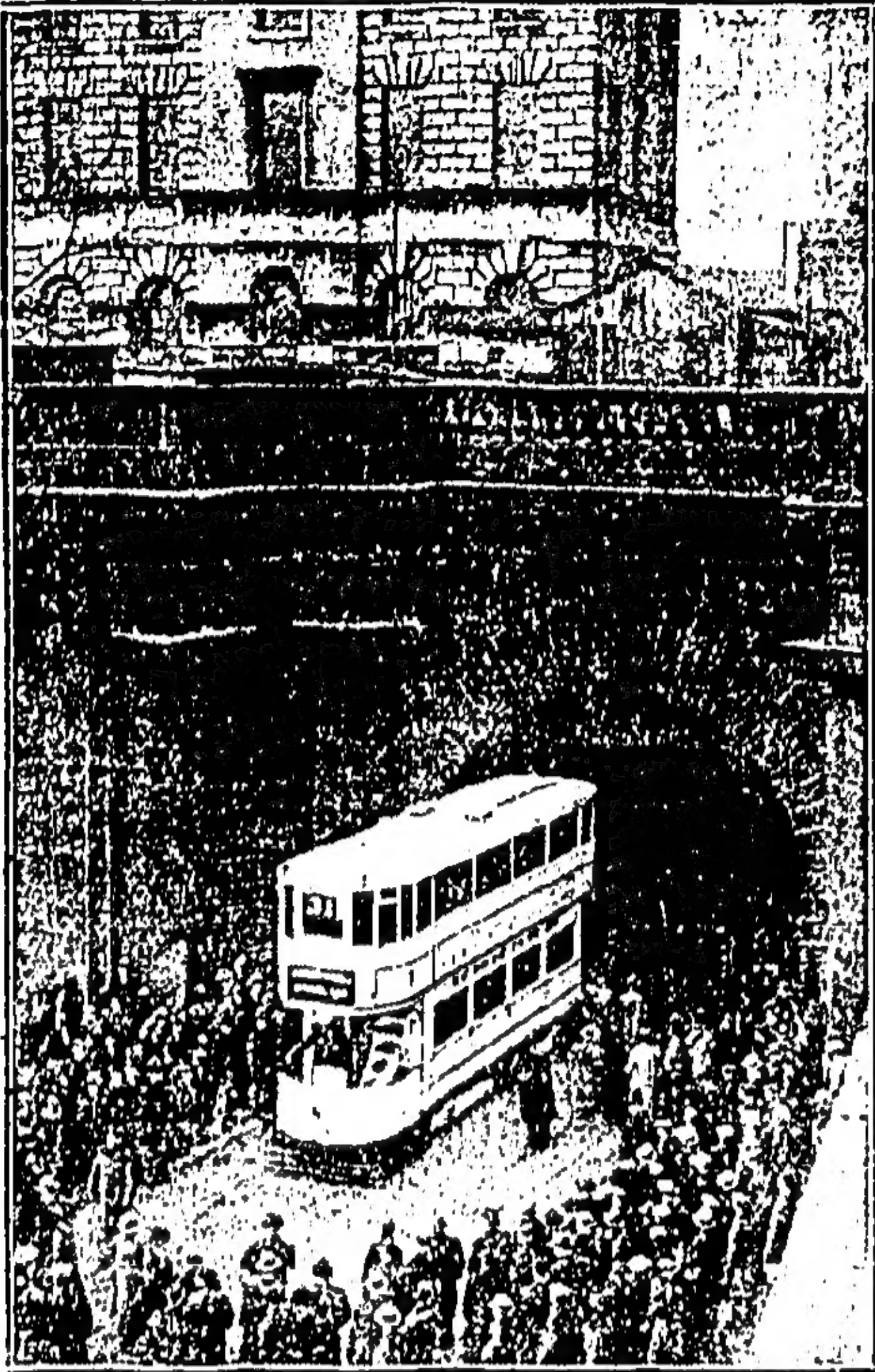
Mr. H. I. Nish, the youthful assistant operating manager of the China National Aviation Corporation. He studied flying in the United States for some years.



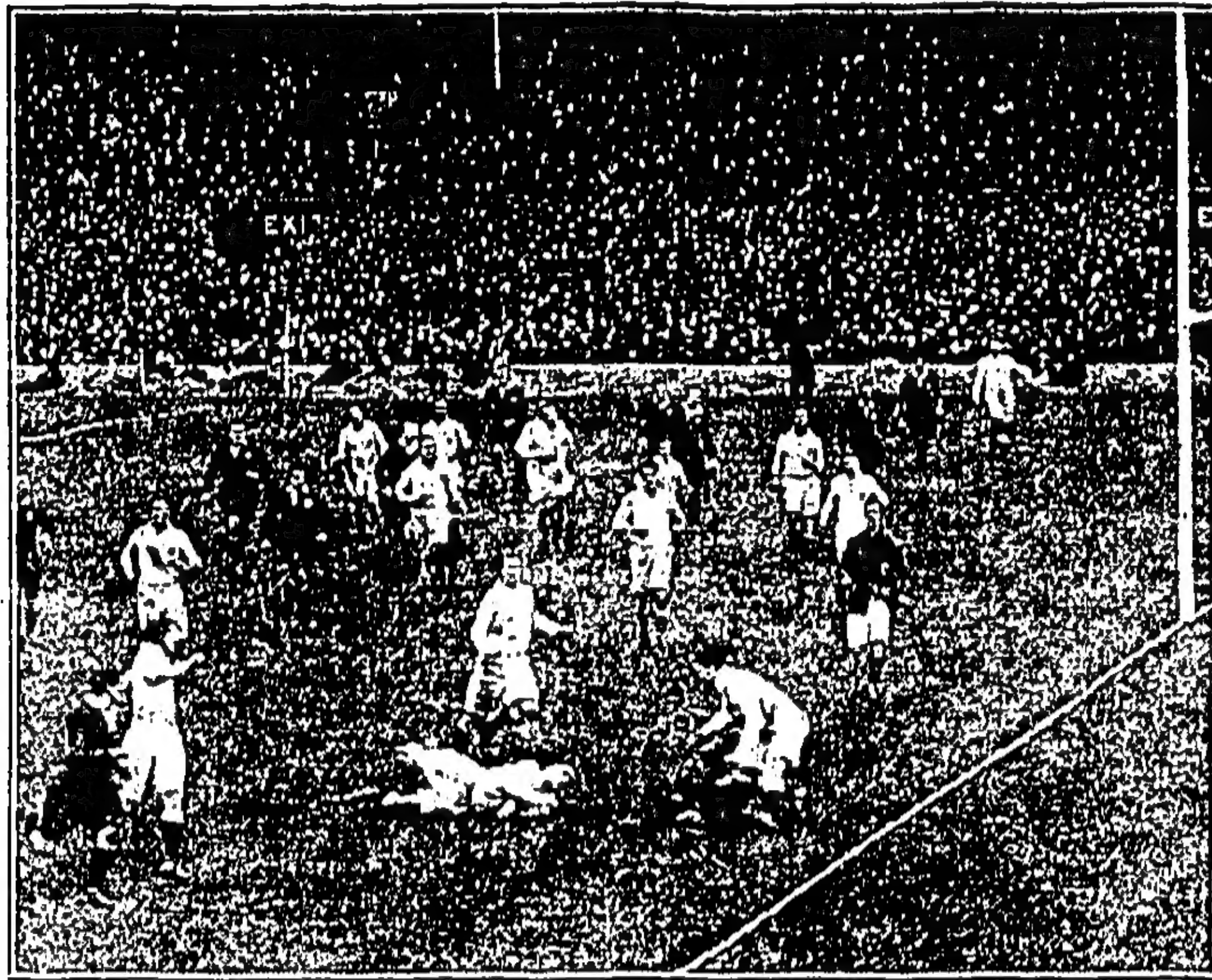
A new picture of Mr. Eugene Chen, former Foreign Minister who has just returned to China from Europe. It is now doubted whether he will receive an official appointment.



Racing at Lingfield. Taking a jump in the Burslow Double Handicap Steeplechase (Class 11.) Far Flight is seen leading Felcourt, who finished third. (Times copyright.)



The official reopening of the Kingsway Tramway tunnel took place recently. Our photograph shows one of the special cars leaving the tunnel. (Times copyright.)



T. E. Jones-Davies scored the first try for Wales in the recent international rugby match against England and is seen on the ground just before rolling over and touching down. The attack started from a line out near the England line. (Times copyright.)



Scene at the Canal Zone border when the revolution occurred in Panama recently. American troops kept a close guard on the border.



Taken in Panama City, our photo shows volunteer civil guards gathered at the central police station to receive arms and ammunition during the recent revolutionary outbreaks.



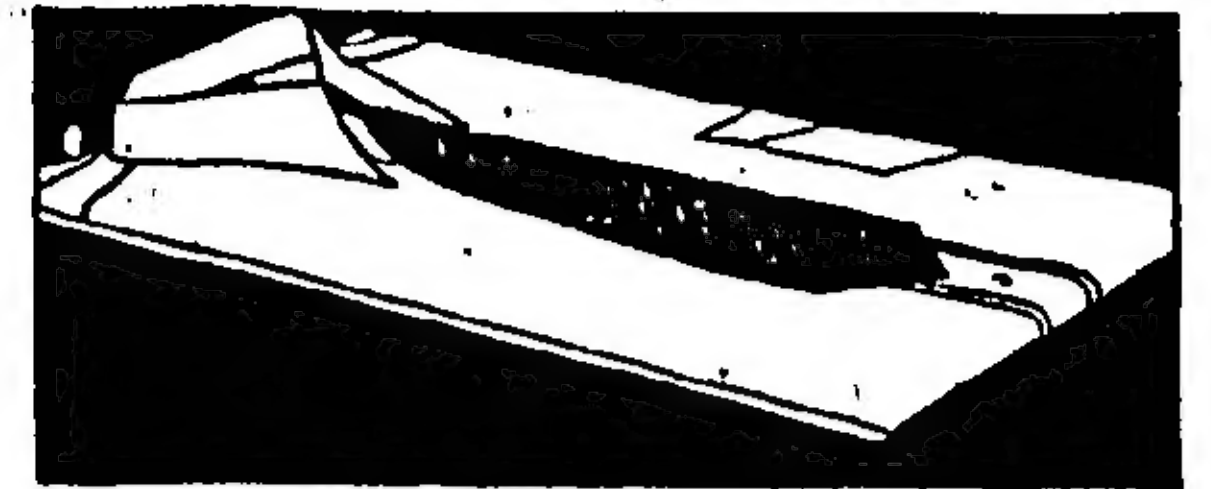
Major James Tunney is hardly to be recognised for the "Gene" of the ring these days. He is shown above at a social function with his wife.



Jack Dempsey ex-champion, spends much of his spare time fishing.



Our picture shows the swearing-in of Mr. Ely as Governor of Massachusetts, the first Democrat to obtain the office for fourteen years.



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 734, 737, 738, 756.

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New Advertisements.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Annual Race Meeting 1931.

THE TIFFIN INTERVAL on the last four days will be taken after the fifth race on each day.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 25th February, 1931.

THE HONG KONG & NEW TERRITORIES FEIRY CO., LTD.

SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office at China Buildings (5th floor), Hong Kong, on Monday, the 9th March, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Account for the year ending 31st December, 1930, and of electing an auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 9th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

HENRY LOWCOCK,

Hongkong, 21st February, 1931.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

Examination for New Students on Monday, March 2nd, at 9.30 a.m. School re-opens March 3rd.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 28th February 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 16th February, to Saturday, the 28th February, 1931, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,

V. M. GRAYBURN,

Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, 9th February, 1931.

PENINSULA HOTEL.

FRIDAY, 27th Feb. 1931.

Patrons are notified that no DINNER DANCE will be held at the above Hotel on Friday, 27th February, 1931.

TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC LONDON.

LOCAL EXAMINATIONS 18TH JUNE, 1931.

The last day of entry for forthcoming examinations in Theory and Practical will be 10th March, 1931.

Entry forms may be obtained from the local secretary.

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The President and Committee of the Hongkong Horticultural Society have been reluctantly compelled to cancel the Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables to be held at the City Hall on February 26th, owing to the adverse effect of the prevailing bad weather on the plants and vegetables.

J. T. BAGRAM,
 Hon. Secretary.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Office, P. and O. Building, on Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 5th March, 1931 to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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 Agents.
 Hongkong, 19th February, 1931.

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THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1931.

28TH FEBRUARY, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH AND 7TH MARCH, 1931.

On Saturday, 28th February the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and on all other days at 11.30 a.m. On the first day the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and on the other four days at 11 a.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4.00 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax. Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings. Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands. Any persons found loitering with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
 C. B. BROWN,
 Secretary.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 42nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 4th March, 1931, to Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

ALLAN KEITH,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 19th February, 1931.

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Notice to Shareholders.

The ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on Thursday, 5th March, 1931, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and Electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 20th February, 1931, to Thursday, 5th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period NO transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors

JOHN ARNOLD,

Secretary.
 Hongkong, 6th February, 1931.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 11th Day of March, 1931, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1930, and re-electing Two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED From the 4th to the 11th MARCH, 1931. Both Days inclusive.

Dated this 11th day of February, 1931.

By Order of the Board,

W. L. MCKENZIE,

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RADIO NOTICES.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this. Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Straits	Tilawa	February 26
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers, London, 20th January and Parcels, 22nd Jan.)	Rawalpindi	February 26
Japan	Tanda	February 26
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 7th February)	Tokiwa Maru	February 26
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 7th February)	Pres. Cleveland	February 27
Amoy	Takada	February 27
Manila	Emp. of Russia	February 27
Shanghai	Malwa	February 27
Japan	Heiyo Maru	February 28

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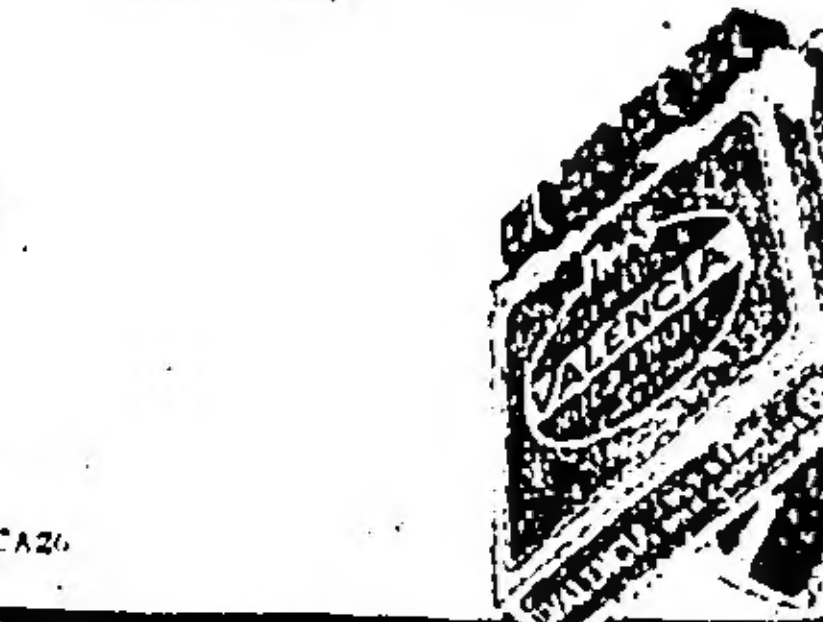
For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Per Carnarvonshire	Wed., Feb. 25, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuan	Wed., Feb. 25, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Stuart Dollar	Wed., Feb. 25, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong So	Wed., Feb. 25, 4 p.m.
Bangkok	Helmolt	Wed., Feb. 25, 6 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Carnarvonshire	Wed., Feb. 25, 6 p.m.
*Swatow, *Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru Thura	Feb. 26, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tijarac	Thurs., Feb. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, East Africa via Mombasa and South Africa via Lourenco Marques, and *South American Ports	Ying Chow Thura	Feb. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Kowachi Maru	Thurs., Feb. 26, 11.30 a.m.
Amoy	Hydrangea	Thurs., Feb. 26, 3 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	King Yuan Thura	Feb. 26, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Rawalpindi	Fri., Feb. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Hai Ning	Fri., Feb. 27, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Tanda	Sat., Feb. 28, 10.30 a.m.
	Parcels	Sat., Feb. 28, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	Feb. 28, 9 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Parcels	Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Feb. 28, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 27th March.)	
Straits and Calcutta	Takada	Mon., Feb. 28, 11.30 a.m.
Saloon	Parcels	Mon., Feb. 28, 1 p.m.
Poochow via Swatow	Halvard	Sat., Feb. 28, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Chip Shing	Sat., Feb. 28, 5 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B. C.	Canton Maru	Sun., Mar. 1, 9 a.m.
	Pres. Lincoln	Mon., Mar. 2, 11.30 a.m.
	Parcels	Mon., Mar. 2, 3 p.m.
	Registration	Mon., Mar. 2, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B. C. 20th March.)	
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Lincoln	Mon., Mar. 2, 11.30 a.m.
	Registration	Mon., Mar. 2, 5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
Amoy	Hosang	Mon., Mar. 2, 5 p.m.
Manila and Java via Sourabaya	Tjikarang	Tues., Mar. 3, 9.30 a.m.
Holhow and Bangkok	Kiangsu	Tues., Mar. 3, 10.30 a.m.

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WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

ARE WE VAIN?

Of Course—Why Should
We Not be?

I seem to have read somewhere that handsome men are slightly vain. May I generalise about my own sex and suggest with all seriousness that every handsome woman is slightly vain?

And why not?

Men are moved to flirt at women's vanity. They always have been, and presumably always will be.

Sorry Day.

Although it is not on record that Adam sneered at Eve when she adjusted her tresses over a secluded pool in Eden, or pencilled her eyebrows with a piece of charred wood, I have no doubt that such an incident really occurred.

Each generation of Eve's successors has shown the same vivid concern in the matter of personal appearance. And I hope that, succeeding generations will carry on the good work in spite of masculine ribaldry. It will be a sorry day for men when their womenfolk cease being vain.

They never will! But men, poor devils, are so childish and unbecomingly preoccupied.

Every time I hear a single man peering at feminine vanity, I feel like

Brown and Beige.



Brown and beige check stockinette is used for the most little frills and hoire crepe de chine for vest, collar and cuffs. Notice the odd povers, one quite plain and the other deep and scalloped, and the new scalloped cuffs.

A Dainty Effect.



A pretty effect is secured on a dainty dance dress of pale shellpink taffetas by a trail of mother o'pearl shaded flowers and green velvet leaves arranged diagonally across the front of the bodice; the waistbelt is interesting, too, composed of velvet leaves like those in the diagonal trail.

shaking him and saying, "Look here, my friend, don't you realise that you find pleasure in a woman's company simply and solely because she is vain? Have you ever wondered why a policeman never inquires you with the desire to get to know her better? It is because she is not allowed by her profession to exercise her natural right to be vain, at least not while she is on duty. It is a different story when she is free to be herself."

Every time a married man sneers for the same cause, I want to say, "You poor fish! How many times have you thought what a scoundrel Mrs. Jones across the way looks first thing in the morning? You'd be the first to complain if your own wife followed her example. Go home and thank your lucky stars that she is sensible enough to be vain."

Vanity a Virtue.

For my part, I rank vanity very high among the virtues.

A certain amount of original vanity is essential in the make-up of every woman. She is not whole without it.

What is vanity, after all, but the mere wish should be within me to make the best of myself, to assist nature where she has not functioned quite as efficiently as she might have done?

With vanity, I am please others, not, incidentally, myself. Without it, I can easily become a shaven-headed, the crime of crimes for a woman.

YVONNE GORDON.—In Exchange.

A WOMAN'S WILL.

It is no unusual thing for a husband, when he leaves money to his wife, to leave instructions, also, that the money, or most of it, shall not be paid to her, if she marries again after his death.

Women have not much opportunity of showing how they would act in similar circumstances, for the simple reason that fewer women have money of their own to dispose of.

I have just read of the will left by the wife of an English clergyman in which she has left all her property, of the value of over £12,000, to her husband, subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions, one of which is: "My diamond ring to his wife, if he shall marry again after my death, as I hope he will."

This is pleasant reading, but I doubt if it could be taken as a type of the sort of will that most women would leave, if they had much of value to leave.

Women, I fear, are just as jealous and as cruel in their loves as men are.—H.M. In Exchange.

SHOE BOWS.

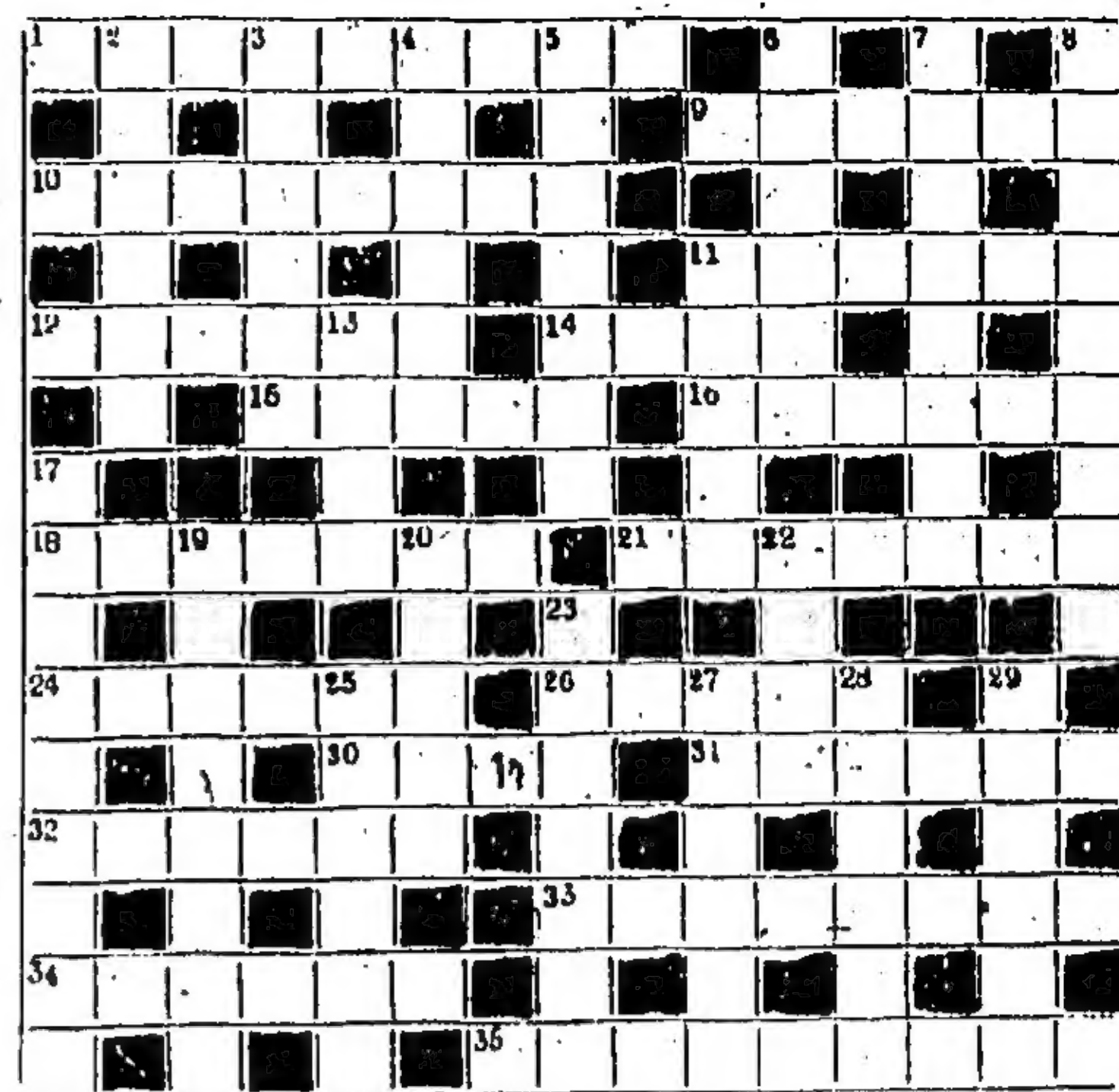
Bows of all sorts and descriptions figure largely in both day and evening shoes this winter. One model of an evening shoe is made of crepe-de-Chine or satin in a simple shape, with a bow of velvet to match placed carefully across the toe.

Of Grey Check.



Heavy grey crepe de chine checked with fine black lines makes a lovely dress for the debutante. The pouched bodice, opening over a vest of pale grey georgette, is finished with dainty grey georgette collar and cuffs edged with lace dyed to match.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 Salt fish which every fishmonger must.
- 9 Traps.
- 10 Noses and tails.
- 11 A couple are concerned in this pain.
- 12 "Horrible shadow!—mockery."—"Macbeth."
- 14 One of the Great Lakes.
- 15 You may this between the sheets—there are plenty of them.
- 16 This about supplies "all the fun of the fair."
- 18 Lift up.
- 21 A city of Burma.
- 22 Unmarried, and doesn't make a hit.
- 23 You catch this fresh-water fish in disgrace.
- 24 "In there stepped a stately raven of the saintly days of—." Poe, "The Raven."
- 31 An allusion may be, and an Eastern woman out of doors usually is.
- 32 Positively a chain of rocks, this keeps the sailor comparatively warm.
- 33 Captain Cook was murdered by one.
- 34 Tended.
- 35 To "Eat in Glen" may be wanting in refinement—though goodness knows why it should be so (nug).

Down

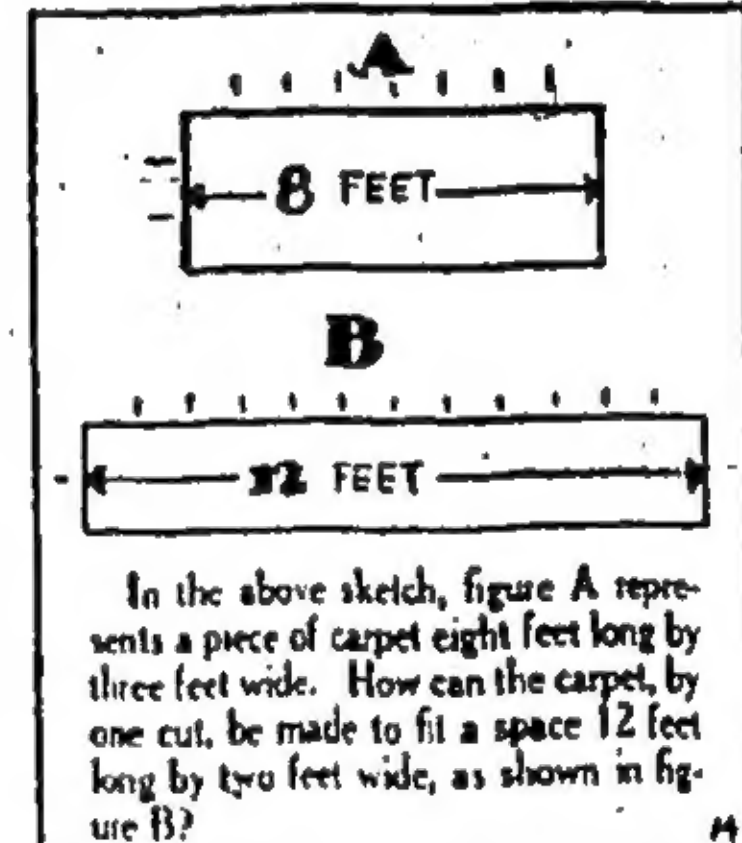
- 2 Mr. Snowden's long suit.
- 3 Carried.
- 4 A cat or rat may be, but not a horse or a fox.
- 5 These help to keep the Casino at Monte Carlo going.

- 6 "We all expect a gentle—Jew,"—"Merchant of Venice."
- 7 The jester in "The Tempest."
- 8 Superior and sounds like advice to an insect to get up.
- 11 Not worn at breakfast in the most exclusive circles.
- 13 Enclosed space.
- 17 Underwater.
- 19 The host of this inn never leaves it.
- 20 He makes one provino, rightly enough; ostriches to be barred (hidden).
- 22 Pleasant—particularly the latter part on a hot day.
- 23 Grow brisk, assisted by a hen.
- 26 Part of a shoe in which one may view legal obstruction.
- 27 Frank confession.
- 28 What concealment may be painful?
- 29 Win back.

Yesterday's Solution

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In the above sketch, figure A represents a piece of carpet eight feet long by three feet wide. How can the carpet, by one cut, be made to fit a space 12 feet long by two feet wide, as shown in figure B?

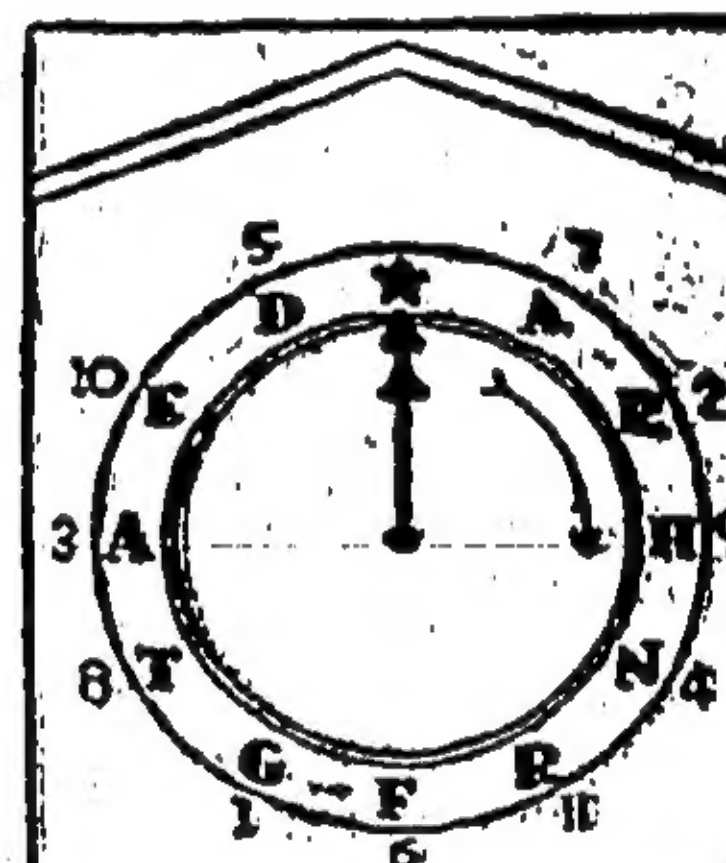
MOTHER AT 49.

FOUND GASSED IN EMPTY HOUSE.

A doctor's opinion that a woman of 49 having a baby might become unbalanced in her mind was given in evidence at the inquest at Cambridge on Mrs. Maude Edmunds Marshall (62), of Orchard-avenue, Impington, Cambridgeshire.

Mrs. Marshall, who was the mother of Mr. A. G. Marshall, the Old Cambridge University Blue, was found dead from gas poisoning at her house on a recent Saturday.

Yesterday's Solution



By starting at the star and counting seven letters to the right, you will come to G. Continue around the clock, checking off each seventh letter and you will spell out the word GRANDFATHER.

Mr. David Gregory Marshall, of Whitehall, Fen Ditton, Cambridgeshire, motor engineer and proprietor of the Cambridge Aerodrome, said that his wife had a baby when she was 49. She was a good wife and mother, but trying at times.

Following the receipt of a letter written by Mrs. Marshall to her brother-in-law, her body was found in the house in Orchard-avenue. The house had been closed and was for sale. There was no food, drink or bed clothes in the house. A verdict of "Suicide while temporarily insane" was returned.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



Oscar Breaks the News to Riley

By Blosser

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THE PRICE FACTOR IN PIECE GOODS.

In one sense, it is fortunate that the British Economic Mission should be in Hongkong at the present moment, for the publication of the Colony's trade statistics for the past year will provide it with plenty of material demonstrating how British piece goods are being ousted here by the products of Japan. The figures now released show that whereas Japan's share of the trade was equal to, if not in excess of, that of the boom year 1924, Britain's figure has fallen by no less a sum than two and a half millions sterling. Expressed in terms of percentage, the position is made even clearer. Whereas Britain in 1924 recorded 55.59 per cent. of the total imports of cotton piece goods into Hongkong and Japan was represented by 33.05 per cent., last year the position was so far reversed that Japan claimed 66.47 per cent. and Britain had to be content with 13.41 per cent. These are depressing figures, but it is well that they should be given publicity in order that the seriousness of the position may be realised.

It needs only a cursory examination of the statistics to show that so far as the price factor is concerned, Japan has been able in practically every department to undersell Britain. Price for price, on quantity, there is hardly any comparison possible. This is particularly noticeable in the light cotton section and in printed materials. In this latter class, we observe that whereas Japanese cretonnes work out at about 20 or 30 cents a yard, the British figure is about a dollar. Other comparisons could easily be made to show how Japan is able to secure orders by reason of this marked disparity in prices. At one time, it was argued that Japan was capturing the trade because she specialised in the cheaper counts which could always compete with the greatly superior quality of the higher-priced British products. It has long since become evident, however, that Japan's trade has not by any means been wholly built up on shoddy material. Indeed, there has in latter years been a marked improvement in the quality of the Japanese offerings, with, at the same time, no corresponding increase in price. In the circumstances, with the currency situation in China as it now is, there need be little surprise that

the Chinese buyer is willing to accept the Japanese article in preference to the more expensive British lines. Freight, of course, is also another factor which must not be lost sight of.

Regrettable though the facts are, after all, they only serve to emphasise a tendency which has long been apparent in the matter of British competition with piece goods manufactured in the Orient. Indeed, the severity of that competition is the *raison d'être* of the visit of the British Economic Mission to the Far East. Great hopes were centred some two years or so ago on the formation, under the auspices of the Bank of England, of a vast combine of British interests which had placed at its command the best brains in the business and huge financial resources to rationalise, economise and experiment. Unhappily, however, the general world trade depression has intervened and has without doubt been a factor in hampering the operations of the combine. The position, so far as the South China market is concerned, is perhaps graver than had been imagined. It may even raise the question as to whether, after taking labour costs and freight into account, Britain can hope to compete with Japan. This is an issue upon which the Economic Mission will no doubt concentrate, to say nothing of the many other aspects of the problem receiving attention. We have at least this assurance, that the personnel of the Mission is such that the whole field is being explored by men competent to give considered views on issues of the highest importance to Hongkong and British interests in general.

The Churchill Mystery.

Mr. Winston Churchill's description of Gandhi is, to say the least, a vivid example of his keen sense of colour in the painting of word-pictures. But it does him no credit. It is sheer waste of brilliant oratorical gifts to damage the Mahatma by invective. Half-naked, or top-hatted and monocled, Gandhi is capable of swaying more men to action, in one direction or another, by a mere lifting of the finger than his detractor could in a thousand years by his darting tongue. Until such men as Mr. Churchill realise that vital fact, nothing, we suppose, will restrain them from similarly idle attacks. Meanwhile, a matter of great interest is the motive behind Mr. Churchill's crusade against self-government for India. His past record would scarcely suggest Mr. Churchill as a fighter in lost causes. What is to be his political future? Is there a clue in his speech, when he says he would be unable to serve under any administration about whose Indian policy he was not reassured? Is his Indian policy a means to an end, an excuse for a break with Mr. Baldwin, permitting him to transfer his political allegiance once again? Limelight brought by flamboyant attacks on the India policy of all three political parties would offer no compensation to Mr. Churchill for loss of office or potential office, and the remarkable similarity of viewpoint between the ex-Chancellor and the *Daily Mail* leads one to speculate on the possibility of a Churchill-Rothermere alliance. Much more startling things have occurred in British politics than this. There is a good deal of mystery about Mr. Churchill's incentive, and we should not be surprised to find the solution in an announcement of his leadership of the Empire Crusaders.

NEW ADMIRAL.

CHINA STATION C.I.C.
DUE TO-MORROW.

We are informed that Vice-Admiral Sir W. A. H. Kelly, K.C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., who is to relieve Admiral Sir A. K. Wastell, K.C.B., as Commander-in-Chief, China, is due to arrive in the *Rawalpindi* to-morrow.

Vice-Admiral Kelly will hoist his flag in H.M.S. *Suffolk* on Saturday. Admiral Wastell leaves Hongkong for England in the s.s. *Malwa* on Saturday.

DAY BY DAY

A FOOL ALWAYS FINDS ONE STILL MORE FOOLISH TO ADMIRE HIM.—*Boileau.*

The P. and O. s.s. *Malwa*, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

The P. and O. Company announce that the *Rawalpindi*, advertised to arrive here at noon to-morrow, will arrive two hours earlier—at 10 a.m.

The members of the Royal Antislavery Order of Buffaloes (China) announce a regalia dance to be held at the Garrison Lecture Hall, on Thursday, March 5 at 8 p.m.

Wong Sap, a boatwoman, has reported to the police that while her vessel was anchored in the Yaumati typhoon shelter at 2 a.m. yesterday, her mother, Lo See, aged 81 years, fell off the stern and was drowned.

A concert of instrumental music is to be given at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, May 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Those taking part will be Mr. Harry Ord, Mr. F. Gonzales, Mr. A. Wuest, Mr. L. Szenté and Mr. N. Botelho.

Tsun Lam, a coolie of No. 9, West Street, Shaokwan, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from stab wounds in the leg and chest. They are alleged to have been inflicted by Tsuen Ha, of the same address, who has been arrested.

Jewellery valued at \$151 was stolen by robbers who forced an entrance into No. 20, Eastern Street, at 1.30 p.m. yesterday. Au Yeung Kue-chun, has told the police that four men entered the house, bound and gagged her and her niece and nephew, and ransacked the house, after threatening them with a knife.

Arrested by a Chinese revenue officer as he was leaving a river steamer last night with 42 loads of opium in his possession, a Chinese was fined \$2,000 with the alternative of six months' imprisonment, by Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court today. The cook of another river steamer was fined \$1,000 or five months in gaol for the possession of nine loads.

In estimating the bail of \$10 of a Chinese who was arrested in Prince Edward Road for riding a bicycle in a manner dangerous to the public, Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, asked if "this bicycle business is still going on?" Sub-Inspector Chester Woods replied that it was just as bad as ever, his Worship replying that dangerous riding by trick cyclists had to be stopped.

Noticing that a great majority of hawkers who appeared before him pleaded not guilty to their respective charges, Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning asked who it was that the defendants "were trying it on?"—the new Sergeant or the new Magistrate. Sergeant Danbrowsky, who is temporarily in charge of the Kowloon hawkers, replied that it was the new Magistrate. "Oh! I wondered," exclaimed his Worship.

LIQUOR AND TOBACCO DUTIES.

GOLD BASIS AUTHORITY
TO BE SOUGHT.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Colonial Secretary will move a resolution empowering the Government to assess the duties on liquor and tobacco on a gold basis.

The third reading of the Bill to amend the law relating to estate duty will also be taken.

THE ROMANCE OF THE TYPEWRITER.

By L. J. C.

No machine has exerted a greater influence upon commercial, professional and social life than the typewriter. The printing press with its movable types was epochal. The production of books and periodicals within the ability of everyone to procure them liberated mankind from the slavery of ignorance and the thrill of superstition. And the typewriter, which did not come upon the scene until centuries after the art of printing had been given to the world, liberated millions from the drudgery of handwriting, created a new occupation for men and women and did away with many of the ancient, slow and labourious processes of accounting and munificent letters and documents. The typewriter has become in truth "the little brother of the printing press" and the clicking of the keys is heard in every land.

During the last twenty-five years, the typewriter has undergone its greatest developments, becoming essential in business and professional, office and educational use into schools and homes.

As far back as 1714 we learn of an invention by a man named Mill, in England, but it was never exploited. Over a century later the typographer of William Austin Burt of Detroit produced good work, letters written upon it if 1830 being still extant. Unfortunately the original model was destroyed in the Patent Office fire in 1836, but duplicates have been made by the grandson of the inventor. One of these is in a Museum in London (presumably the South Kensington) and the other in Washington. The typographer was never built on a commercial scale, capital being necessary, and the inventor having other interests.

After this came quite a number of inventions, Progin of Marseille, Littlefield of England, and Leavitt, Beach, Foucault, Edes, Marchesi, Hughes, Jones, Thomas and others. None of whom ever marketed their inventions, but each contributed something to the invention of the practical typewriter.

In 1867 Christopher Latham Sholes and associates built the first model of the typewriter which later became commercially successful. In 1873 this machine was offered on the market by the Remingtons, and was followed from year to year by other models showing many refinements, but it is interesting to note that the original keyboard of the first Remington model has been adopted by all manufacturers throughout the world.

Because of his fame as a successful inventor, even in the late sixties and early seventies, it was no more than natural that the advice of Thomas A. Edison should be sought by other inventors. It is related that Christopher Latham Sholes brought to Mr. Edison the wooden model of the typewriter, which would write, but the alignment of the letters was poor. Mr. Edison made one or two of the machines of metal and succeeded in getting the letters to line up. He was not enthusiastic over the idea of the typewriter, however, believing that the machine would

prove too slow for practical purposes.

Visibility of writing was a coveted goal fairly early in typewriter history. For instance there was the Bar-lock, invented by Charles Sprio. This gave full visibility, provided the machine was at the proper height, and the operator sat erect, otherwise the upright semi-circular nest of type bars interfered with the vision. In the machine known as the Williams, which was sold extensively in the nineties, the paper came over the top of the platen, leaving the writing line and the next above it fully visible. The Brooks machine had the same visibility. The Oliver, invented in the early nineties, is a partially visible typewriter. It is now being manufactured in England. The Franklin had a curved keyboard but the same full visibility as the Bar-lock. There have been other makes of semi-visible machines such as the Fitch and the Hammond. Finally we have the Daugherty machine, a true front stroke visible writing typewriter with a type guide at the printing point, and the Wagner machine, subsequently the Underwood, in which the mechanism was advanced towards the ideal achieved in modern typewriters. It is interesting to note that in 1892, 1893 and 1894 Franz X. Wagner and his son, in the shop of the Typewriter Inspection Company, built the first four models of the machine later known as the Underwood.

The outstanding event in the development of the industry during the last twenty-five years was the coming of the Portable typewriter. The earliest form of portable machine was a folding machine with three rows of keys and a double shift. It was first known as the Rose Typewriter, then as the Standard Folding, and later became familiar as the Corona. The first portable machine to achieve wide use and great popularity was the Bickensdorfer, recently revived by Remington-Rand Inc. as the Rem-Blick.

The Remington Typewriter Company made the first portable machine with the four bank keyboard. This was a great achievement and its lead has since been followed by other manufacturers. The straight-thrust principle of the type bar has been applied to a noiseless typewriter, which has since been perfected and put on the market as the Remington-Noisless. We have also recently witnessed the invention of two electric driven typewriters of the standard type, one being the Remington and the other the Woodstock. There are also one or two lesser known Continental machines which are electrically operated.

Two electric machines, the Cahill and the Ennis, were announced in 1904, but they did not develop into a commercial success. The Bickensdorfer Electric also failed for the same reason in 1904. The typewriter industry has kept in touch with new methods and materials, with the result that the machines of to-day are better made, run more smoothly, and are more durable than those of an older day.

In a brief outline it is impossible to trace the history of all those machines which have their day. There are no fewer than eighty typewriters of different manufacture, which can no longer be purchased.

It is appropriate to pay a tribute of respect to these earlier productions of the typewriting machine art which in their day add so much towards making the writing machine an essential instrument of commercial life. They paved the way. Although the modern machine is amazing, they are built on the foundation laid by their predecessors, which worthily performed the work demanded of them in their time.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar markets yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

London Terminals.

March 5/11½ down 1d.
May 6/2½ down ½d.
August 6/5½ down ¾d.
December 6/9½ down ½d.

New York Terminals.

March 1.22 up 2 pts.
May 1.32 up 2 pts.
July 1.39 up 1 pt.
September 1.46 no change.
December 1.54 up 1 pt.



"Can't we talk this thing over, say until to-morrow?"

SING KEE DAIRY'S
TWO MILKS.PROPRIETOR FINED ONE
HUNDRED DOLLARS.

44 PER CENT. WATER.

Summoned for selling adulterated milk, Ngau Moon, proprietor of the Sing Kee Dairy, No. 16, Cochran Street, returned a plea of "not guilty" through Mr. Grist, when the case came before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning.

Prosecuting, the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. G. W. Pope) said that the summons was not taken in the ordinary routine way, but was in consequence of complaints received by him that the milk sold at this Dairy was not as it should be. He therefore did not send a uniformed inspector, but a clerk to purchase a sample bottle from the shop, and a certificate from the Analyst would be produced as to the quality of the milk.

Sun Shek-sung, a clerk in the Sanitary Department, deposed that on January 29, he was instructed by Dr. Pope to proceed to the Sing Kee Dairy to purchase a bottle of milk. He specified fresh milk to the woman he found at the counter. A bottle was handed to him by an assistant and in payment he tendered 15 cents and received two cents change. He also paid a further ten cents by way of deposit against the bottle.

He then told the woman that he required the bottle for analysis, and shortly afterwards, Inspector Sheriff came in. The Inspector divided the milk into three parts, one part was then handed back to the woman in the original bottle in which it was contained, and the other two parts were taken away in a bottle brought by the Inspector for analysis.

Cross-examined by Mr. Grist, witness said the woman never told him there were two kinds of milk for sale in the shop. When he mentioned that the milk would be analysed, she seemed frightened and said that it was yesterday's milk that was being sold to him.

Analyst's Report.
Dr. Pope, handing in the Analyst's report, commented that the specific gravity was rather low, although rich in butter fats. He would not be surprised if it was water buffalo's milk, which was much higher in fats than ordinary cow's milk. The percentage of water added was over 44 per cent. Assuming it was buffalo's milk, it was not necessary for the seller to add water, that being left to the consumer if he thought the addition of water necessary. In any case, although rich in fats, the sample was efficient in other constituents.

Mr. Grist said the Dairy sold two kinds of milk, these being, firstly, buffalo's milk which was imported from Canton, and secondly, ordinary cow's milk. The first kind had ordinarily to be boiled or "stewed" as it was termed in Chinese, and when a customer asked for milk, it was the usual practice to ask them which kind of milk they wanted.

After Ngau Moon, the proprietor, had given evidence bearing out Mr. Grist's remarks, an assistant from the Dairy told the Court that he put the usual query to Dr. Pope's clerk and the latter asked for "stewed milk".

Mr. Grist submitted that there was a direct conflict of evidence, which he left to the Magistrate to consider.

After Mr. Schofield had decided on a conviction, Dr. Pope emphasized the seriousness of the offence which in the nature of it, was always difficult to bring home. The addition of water which might not be pure added further to the offence, but he was not insinuating that such was done in this case.

His Worship inflicted a fine of \$100.

ON LEE GETS OFF THE
MUD.NO DAMAGE SUFFERED IN
MISHAP.

After being aground near Wang-moon since Friday last, the river steamer On Lee returned to port last night. The steamer was proceeding to Kowloon from Hong-kong, when the mishap occurred being left high and dry on a bed of mud.

Seen this morning, Capt. Bousfield said that the On Lee was not damaged in any way through the mishap. The place on which she grounded was all mud, and though she was unable to get off, there was no danger of damage.

The passengers who went up on the steamer last Friday were taken off by the Tai Lee, but the steamer could not get off on her own at high water. Another attempt was made yesterday afternoon at about three o'clock with the help of a tug and this proved successful. She immediately proceeded to Hong-kong.

The On Lee was alongside her wharf this morning taking cargo for her trip up the river this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Local Prices.

(To The Editor of Hongkong
Telegraph.)

Sir,—It would be interesting if "Citizen" would explain how he would propose to have the Consumers' Council work in view of his own admission that some of the big stores are charging prices far above those of the compendious shops although they all sell goods of the same quality, grade and brands.

After all, why howl when the little shopkeeper in spite of his little tricks and piddling is still able to sell at prices much below those of some of the larger and more exclusive stores? Think, "Citizen," what would happen if the Chinese were to raise their standard of living and start charging prices on a par with those of the more exclusive stores. This is what he would do if Consumers' Councils were brought in. Yours, etc.

R. de SOUZA.

Christianity or Christian Science?

Sir, For the out-and-out scientist I have some slight respect as he is at least an openly declared opponent. The real danger to Christianity at the present day is the enemy within the gate the pseudo scientist who is vainly attempting to reconcile two utterly irreconcilable Science and Christianity.

A distinguished dignitary of the Church of England has declared that Christianity and Science now proceed on parallel lines. Do they? Even if so I would remind him that parallel lines never meet! As a matter of fact, however, the reverse is the case.

What I wish, however, to draw your thoughtful readers' attention to is the statement of Mr. A. Brearley in your issue of yesterday. He asserts and all Christians will agree with him that God is omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient. He argues therefore that there can be no place or space for evil. Yet, if Mr. Brearley had ever read the Book of Books he would have known that our Lord on more than one occasion "cast out devils" not only from human beings but even made them come forth from the mouths of a herd of swine. Perhaps Mr. Brearley is like many other pseudo Christians in that he only accepts the Book of Infallible Authority when he thinks it is correct! If evil exist not, then indeed was Christ crucified without cause and suffered in vain. But these things, they are known unto us and will persist and ultimately prevail, despite the vain vapourings of self-elected puny champions of the Most High God. Yours, etc.

FUNDIST.

THE PIECE GOODS
MARKET.DEALERS REPORT HAVING
PROFITABLE YEAR.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, states:

Piece Goods.

The following reports have been received:
Market remains quiet and there is little of interest to report other than satisfactory clearances and a continuance of miscellaneous small sales of White Shirtings and reasonable fancies from stock. The aggregate turnover in this latter direction is, however, negligible in quantity.

China New Year Settlement passed off satisfactorily amongst Chinese piece goods dealers who for once admit to have experienced a profitable trading period. Now that the New Year Festivities are out of the way dealers should be giving attention to their forward requirements, but low exchange is entirely responsible for apparent lack of practical interest.

Cottons and Woollens.

Cotton values have moved upwards since we last reported and were quoted Mid Am. "Spot" 6.12d. Ex. Sakel, 9.85d. in Liverpool on 19th instant.

Nothing of importance to record since the last report, the market being influenced by the Chinese New Year festival and new business consequently in the background. According to reports the settlements, as far as piece goods are concerned, have been better than for many years and most dealers have been able to realize handsome profits.

The new duties on woollens, imposed from January 1st, have been revised on a lower rate for certain lines and this welcome relief should facilitate new business in woollens for July/August shipment. Clearances prior to the holidays, were fairly good.

ST. MARY SCHOOL
PRIZE DAY.GLOWING REPORT BY THE
INSPECTOR.

EXAM. SUCCESSES.

The distribution of prizes took place at the St. Mary's School (Italian Convent branch), Kowloon, this morning, the ceremony being performed by Mr. G. P. de Martin, the Director of Education.

Head Mistress' Report.

The report of the Head Mistress was as follows: "The year 1930 has marked another phase in the development of our School. It is evident St. Mary's becomes known more and more from the ever-increasing number of pupils who ask for admission. Particularly flourishing are the Infant Classes where so very many little men and women are passing busy and happy days filled up with an interesting succession of work, play and song. The Special Class for Chinese girls is also on the increase. For the time being, a temporary building has been provided to accommodate this section of the School, upon which so many hopes are resting. We would wish that St. Mary's were swarming with Chinese girls; they prove such willing pupils, and those who this year and last year obtained the Senior Certificate are now gaining their living in good situations.

The results of the University Examinations were another great source of gratification. The joy was complete; not a single note of disappointment marred the day so anxiously expected by pupils and families, for all the Seniors and all the Juniors had obtained promotion, and there was a most encouraging number of distinctions; for this and all other blessings we thank Providence.

The activities of the School were not only confined to studying, lessons and writing tasks, but included a little bazaar and occasional theatrical displays which were enjoyed as much by the tiny actors as by the spectators; the little ones on the stage are always an attraction.

Very Efficient.

The School was inspected in October by Mr. A. R. Sutherland M.A., Inspector of English Schools, and his report is very favourable. I may quote from it literally:

"Discipline is excellent. I spent a whole day at the school and visited each class in turn. Singing in the Kindergarten was as usual very good. In the classes I heard reading and recitation, set dictation tests and asked questions on school subjects and inspected all written work. Reading and recitation are very good. The written work including arithmetic was neatly set out and carefully corrected. The written dictation tests were very well done. Drawing is well taught. Mrs. Sutherland inspected the sewing and was impressed by the excellence and utility of the work shown. The School is very efficient."

The Sisters wish to tender to Mr. and Mrs. de Martin their most heartfelt thanks for their having honoured us by presiding over this homely ceremony. Their presence, so dear and yet so rare owing to the great occupations of Mr. de Martin as Director of Education, is a real joy to the staff and scholars who all know, and are proud of the fact, that Mr. and Mrs. de Martin are friends of St. Mary's. We hope that next year (the architect says this September) we shall be able to welcome you again when the new buildings, with its assembly hall will be inaugurated, thus opening for St. Mary's another more spacious page.

Prize Winners.

Pureza d'En.—Winner of His Lordship Bishop Valerita's special Prize for Biblical Knowledge.

Edith Li.—Winner of the Lugard Scholarship for the years 1931-32.

Pureza d'En.—Senior Certificate, Distinction in English and Biblical Knowledge.

Aurice Remedios, Joyce and Lucy Jorge.—Senior Certificates, Distinction in Biblical Knowledge.

Edriz d'Aguiar, Helena da Silva, Lily Tsang, Jerminia Pereira, Ahmina Abdullah, Lizzie Koo, Thelma Rosario.—Senior Certificates.

Gloria d'Almada.—Junior Certificate, Distinction in English, History and Biblical Knowledge.

Sarah Abdullah.—Junior Certificate, Distinction in History and Biblical Knowledge.

Alice Remedios, Elsa Britto, Carmen Pereira, Olga Ribeiro, Rita Xavier.—Junior Certificates, Distinction in Biblical Knowledge.

Gulhermina d'Aguiar, Nollie Lau, Elsa Silva.—Junior Certificates.

Class 3.—1st, Edith Li; 2nd, Rosaline Tsang.

Class 4.—1st, Lily Chi; 2nd, Lilian Tsang.

Class 5.—1st, Ismeria Ozorio; 2nd, Nina Kori; 3rd, Lucy Leong; 4th, Betty Postonji; 5th, Rosaline Tsang.

GOLFING SEA
CAPTAINS.KEEN-CONTEST FOR THE
PACIFIC TITLE.

The International Golf Contest for the Championship of the Pacific Ocean is developing into a hot contest. All the masters of Trans-Pacific steamers are putting in their spare time on the West Coast Courses or driving cages.

Another notable contest was recently played at Honolulu when Captain "Andy" Townsend, master of the Matson liner Maui, defeated Captain Shunji Ito, master of the N.Y.K. liner Tatsuta Maru. It will be recalled that a few months ago, Captain Ito defeated Captain George W. Yardley, master of the s.s. President Cleveland in a gruelling contest at Hongkong. In an effort to regain the Skipper Championship, Captain Yardley has challenged Captain "Andy" Townsend in the hope of defeating him and thus gaining the privilege of challenging Captain Ito to a return match.

The golf matches have developed a lively interest on the part of other skippers, who make a special effort to be in the port where the games are played, not only to take their places in the cheering galleries following the match, but also to be included in the rather elaborate dinners at which the defeated contestant plays the role of host.

The match between Captain Yardley and Captain Townsend is scheduled to take place on the Royal Hawaiian Golf Course at Honolulu on May 17th.

NEWSPAPER'S CON-
TENTS BILL.ALLEGED CONTEMPT OF
COURT

A King's Bench Divisional Court, composed of the Lord Chief Justice (Lord Hewart) and Justices Avory and MacKinnon, on Jan. 17, heard an ex parte application on behalf of Alfred Arthur Rouse, and granted a rule nisi calling on the editor, printers, and publishers of the Daily Herald to show cause why they should not be committed for contempt of Court in respect of a newspaper contents bill issued on January 8, which bore the words "another blurring car murder."

Mr. Finlayson on behalf of Rouse, submitted that everybody who saw the contents bill must have taken the words "another blurring car murder" to mean that the case in which Rouse was concerned, and in which he was due to take his trial at the Assizes, which began on January 23, was, in fact, a murder, where the main issue which the jury would have to decide was whether, in fact, there was any murder at all. To describe a case, where there was still this issue to be tried, as "a murder" was, in fact, contempt of court.

Lord Hewart said that a rule nisi would be granted.

AFFAIRS OF SIR
C. MAPPIN.

RECEIVING ORDER.

Notification was given in a recent London Gazette of the issue of a receiving order on debtor's petition against Sir Charles Thomas Hewitt Mappin, Baronet, of 9a, Upper Brook-street, London W.

The receiving order is dated Jan. 19, 1931, the first meeting was held on Feb. 2, and the public examination is arranged for March 13.

Sir Charles Mappin, who is 21 years of age, is an old Wellington College boy, and was at Sandhurst. He is the fourth baronet, having succeeded his grandfather in 1925.

His marriage last year was the sequel to a secret romance. Sir Charles and his bride, Miss Ruby Gordon Duff, had known each other three years, but decided not to announce their engagement until Sir Charles came of age.

The marriage took place at St. George's, Hanover-square, last May.

Class 10.—1st, Helen Lam; 2nd, Millie Leong; 3rd, Cynthia Rosario; 4th, Celeste Marquez.

Class 10B.—1st, Celeste Azevedo; 2nd, Geraldine Garcia; 3rd, Terry Lau; 4th, Marie Rosario, 5th, Philibina Pereira.

Dr. Gomes' Scholarships for Good Conduct, Punctuality, Attendance—Helena da Silva, Ahmina Abdullah, Sarah Abdullah, Carmen Pereira, Gwendoline Lam, Cecilia Chong, Marie Pereira, Marie Wong, Georgina Fernandez, Irene da Silva, Lily Chi, Milde Osmund, Mabel Swen, Beatrice Lau, Margie Maxwell, Elvie Sequiera, Elsa Gutierrez.—Class A. 1st, Irene Silva; 2nd, Adeline Xavier. Class B. 1st, Hilda Antonio; 2nd, C. Remedios. Class C. 1st, Nidia Osmund; 2nd, Aurea Gill.

Application.—C. Osmund, Alda Silva.

NEW ATTORNEY
GENERAL.HON. MR. C. G. ALABASTER
APPOINTED.

Heartly congratulations will be offered to the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E., on his substantive appointment as Attorney General of Hongkong, an official intimation sent from the Colonial Secretary's Office yesterday afternoon stating that a telegram had been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies approving the appointment of Mr. Chaloner Grenville Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E., as Attorney General with effect from the 19th of February, 1931.

Mr. Alabaster has been acting Attorney General since May 1930, when Sir Joseph Kemp was elevated to the Supreme Court Bench, and he had acted previously in this official role in 1911 and 1912. He has also (1913) edited the Ordinances of Hongkong and his long association with the Colony has contributed appreciably to the evolution of its laws. He is eminently fitted for the position of Attorney General and the appointment is a popular one. Mr. Alabaster is the eldest surviving son of a former British Consul-General at Canton. He was educated at Tonbridge and studied law in the Inner Temple (1901), being called to the bar in 1904. He practised for a time on the Western Circuit at home, and, inheriting a close interest in China he was, in 1907, Secretary of the China Association.

Coming to Hongkong in 1909, he practised successfully here and came prominently into public life when he acted as Attorney General in 1911 and 1912. He was also on the Executive Council. He has been a "member of parliament" on both sides of the local "house." He was three times elected to the Sanitary Board and represented the Justices of the Peace on the Licensing Board. In 1918 he was the recipient of the O.B.E. and in 1919 represented the Justices of the Peace in the Legislative Council. In 1922 he was made K.C. and in 1924 and 1925 served for further terms on the Unofficial side of the Legislative Council.

It may be said of Mr. Alabaster that his career has been intertwined into the history of the Colony, and in his permanent attachment to government, his many friends feel sure, he will contribute many more years of useful public service.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$2155 n.
Chartered Bank, \$1674 n.
Mercantile A. & B., \$224 n.
East Asia, \$115 1/2 n.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$1305 sa.
Unions Ins., \$630 n.

North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
China Underwriters, \$3.60 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.

China Fires, \$535 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1305 sa.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$28 1/2 s.
H. K. Steamboat, \$20.90 s.

Indo-China, (Def.) \$30 n.
Union Waterworks, \$37 n.

Mining.
Benguets, \$10 1/2 n.
Kailans, 36/3 n.

Shai Explorations, Tls. 2 1/2 n.
Kailans, 36/3 n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$173 sa.
Whampoa Docks, \$80 1/4 b.

South China Motors \$10 n.
China Providents, \$5.25 b. (old).
Hongkew, Tls. 274 b.

New Engineers, Tls. 5 1/4 b.
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Ewa Cotton, Tls. 15.50 sa.
Shai Cotton, Tls. 103 (old) s.

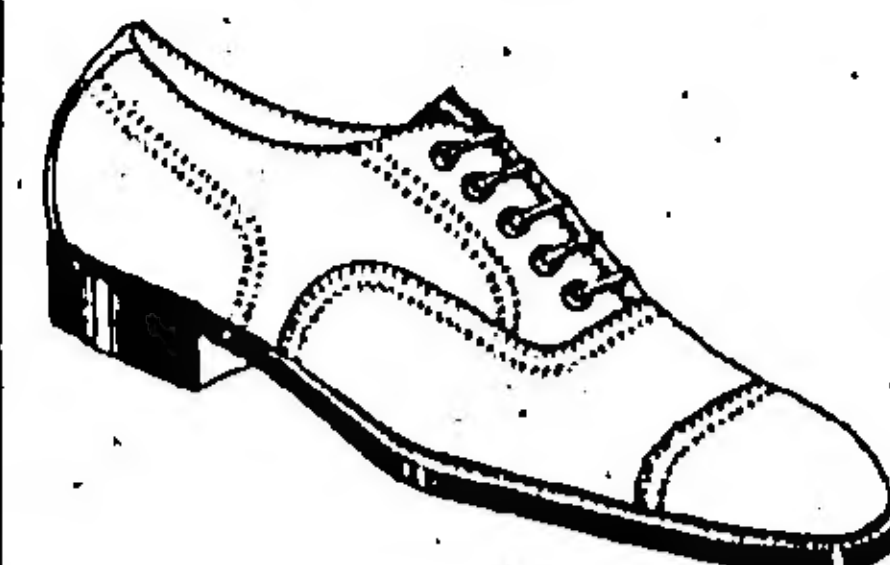
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$13 n.
H. K. Land, \$85 sa.

Shai Land Tls. 392 b.
Hufphreys, \$16.50 x. Div.
Rentlies, \$9.65 b.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$17.35 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 1/4 n.

Star Electric, \$34 n.
China Light, (old) \$25.45 n.
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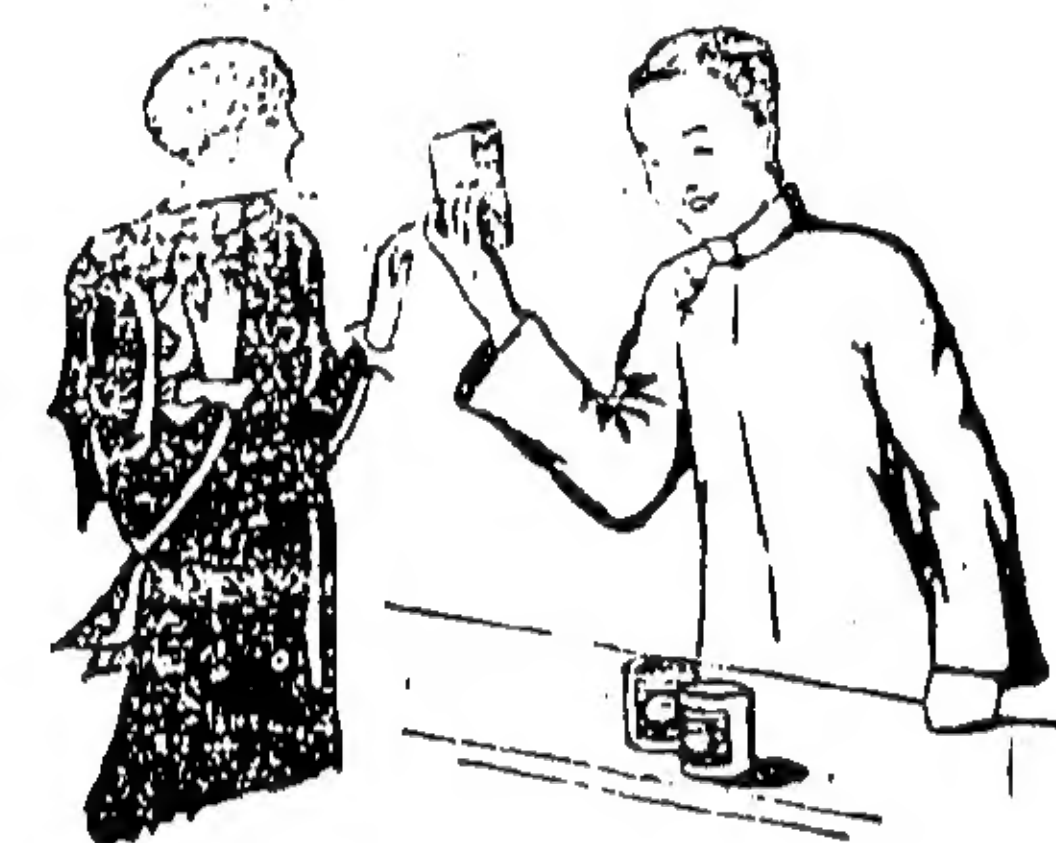
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Helsingfors.....	103	Hongkong.....	11
Buenos Aires.....	37	Brussels.....	34.83 1/2
Athens.....	375	Milan.....	92.70 1/2
Shanghai.....	1/2 1/4	Copenhagen.....	18.10 1/2
New York.....	4.86 15/16	Prague.....	164
Amsterdam.....	12.10 1/2	Lisbon.....	108.25
Stockholm.....	18.14 1/2	Rio.....	4.5/10
		Dombay.....	1/5 1/4
		Yokohama.....	2/0 13/32
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TENNIS TOURNEY.

**S. A. RUMJAHN WINS HIS
FIRST TIE.**

A welcome resumption of the tennis championships was made yesterday, though the results failed to yield anything in the way of the unexpected.

S. A. Rumjahn came into the arena for the first time, and disposed of Lu Tak-cheuk in straight sets, though the second was touch-and-go, and only a typical recovery on his part allowed the ex-champion to save the match from going the full distance. Lu put up an amazingly good show, but Rumjahn never wavered from his set rules of attack and defence, and so ran out winner by merit of his steadiness as much as anything else.

A. L. Sullivan conceded but four games in the two sets necessary for his disposal of D. M. MacDougall, and Ng Sze-cheong eliminated H. Owen Hughes in a straight match, the scores being 6-4, 6-4. Perroz Ali, a representative of the Kowloon I. T. C., engaged W. N. Petch in an "Anybody's Game," and finally lost after capturing eight games in two sets.

Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit, together with F. H. Kwok and H. N. Chau qualified for the second round in the doubles championship, both winning with ease.

The full results were:

Open Singles.

S. A. Rumjahn beat Lu Tak-cheuk, 6-2, 9-7.
W. N. Petch beat Perroz Ali, 6-4, 6-4.
Ng Sze-cheong beat H. Owen Hughes, 6-4, 6-4.
A. L. Sullivan beat D. M. MacDougall, 6-2, 6-2.

Open Doubles.

Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit beat J. H. Anderson and E. Grimble, 6-1, 6-3.
F. H. Kwok and H. N. Chau beat A. O. Johnson and J. D. Ainger, 6-2, 6-2.

Today's Matches.

The programme for this afternoon is as follows:

Open Singles.

A. H. Rumjahn v. D. W. Deane.
Horace Lo v. D. S. Green.
E. C. Fincher v. R. Chon.
E. Zimmerman v. Surg. Com. H. Harkins.
M. Kinoshita v. Luk Ding-cheong.
W. C. Hung v. F. Groce.

Open Doubles.

Ng Kam-chuen and Tsai Ping-nam v. A. C. I. Bowker and W. M. Harton.
Club Championship.

A. L. Sullivan v. R. M. Henderson.
G. W. A. Tufson v. A. B. Raworth.

SHAMEN FOOTBALL.

THE WATSON SHIELD COMPETITION.

Shamen, Feb. 24.

The Watson Shield, donated by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., is competed for annually and is open to teams from H. M. ships of the West River flotilla and any teams of Shamen residents. It is a knock-out competition, similar to the F. A. Cup at Home. The winners hold the Shield for a year, members of the team being presented with replicas. The present holders are H. M. S. Tarantula.

There were two Watson Shield matches played here yesterday, H. M. S. Cicula defeating H. M. S. Moorhen and H. M. S. Tarantula defeating H. M. S. Moth.

In the first match, Cicula were well to the fore in the first half, having registered a lead of three clear goals at the interval. On resuming, the Moorhen pulled themselves together and in pressing their opponents' goal the Cicula right back, in trying to intercept a shot, turned the ball into the net. Shortly afterwards, in another move, he headed a second through his own goal. Full time found the score at three goals all, so that ten minutes extra time each way had to be played. The first ten minutes elapsed without further score, but two minutes from the final whistle Cicula scored to win the odd goal in seven.

The second match was a much better display. Tula opened the score in the first ten minutes, Moth getting the equaliser very soon after. Tula again took the lead but Moth evened up quickly to make the half-time score two all.

After the change-over, Moth had by far the better of the exchanges, being in Tula's half throughout and on several occasions being very unlucky in not scoring. Two minutes from time, Tula broke away for Mannerling to beat the backs and put them in the lead with the odd goal in five.—Our Own Correspondent.

THE PRINCE'S TOUR.

The Prince of Wales and Prince George, who last night reached Valparaiso by aeroplane, received the Honorary Citizenship of Vina del Mar.

Today, the Prince of Wales led a polo team in a match against a selected Chilean team.—British Wireless.

CINEMA NOTES.

**LAUGHS AND LEGS IN
"GOLDEN CALF."**

Capacity audiences are enjoying "The Golden Calf," Fox Movietone comedy, which is the current production at the Queen's Theatre.

Hailed as one of the best comedies of the year, "The Golden Calf" also has half a dozen unusually tuneful song numbers and spectacularly staged ensembles which add materially to its entertainment value.

Sue Carol is seen and heard first as a prim, prudish secretary to the gay Jack Mulhall, Greenwich Village advertising artist. To win his love, when he fails to pay the slightest attention to her, she transforms herself into a dashing beauty and becomes Mulhall's model destined to make him famous.

El Brendel, famous comedian, is a Swedish cartoonist in the production and also contributes a novelty song number that is guaranteed to cure even a bluebird of the blues. Marjorie White, Richard Keene and Paul Page are also featured.

"True to the Navy."

Let's go Clara Bow! Those who snapped up the entertainment treat the "It" girl offered at the Central Theatre last night had an hilarious evening. Clara has more "It" than she ever showed before in "True to the Navy." Surrounded by a dozen or more love-smitten navy gobs, she shows what is good for the male ego. None of the boys make any headway with the "Redhead" until Freddie March, the same handsome hero who stole her heart in "The Wild Party," lands right. Then Clara gets a taste of her own sickness.

"True to the Navy" would be a good story even without Clara Bow. With Clara flashing her "It" smile, it's all-around entertainment. Harry Green, the funny man of "Kibitzer" and "Honey" is a riot of laugh-making cracks and pantomime, and the rest of the cast looks as it ought to.

Clara, a soda-fountain girl in Harry Green's drug store, makes "It" a big business. All the sailors from the battleships in the harbour flock to the drug store for ice-cream sodas and a smile from Clara. She plays them all, collects the souvenirs, and says goodbye with a smile. She has a special boy-friend on every ship and manages to keep them separated until the whole flock, and all her special drop anchor once. She is sunk. Then she meets Freddie March, a woman-killer gunner's mate, and marches to the altar with him over the prostrate forms of half a dozen other smitten swains.

Clara's singing voice is one of the big features of "True to the Navy." She croons "There Is Only One Who Matters to Me" as nobody else could. It's no wonder all the sailors believe her when she says it. Clara looks marvellous as she sings the number. She sings with her voice, with her eyes, with all her personality. And Clara Bow's singing is all the more delightful because it is a surprise talent.

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attain symphonic rendition. "The Rhapsody in Blue," in all its moods and with all its symbolism, has been recorded in "King of Jazz" by Paul Whiteman as music, and atmosphericized visually by John Murray Anderson, director.

In all its lavish musical numbers "King of Jazz," the Universal extravaganza which comes to the Central Theatre on next change combines a previously unapproached sound-track with the ultimate in beauty.

So identified has "The Rhapsody" become as a part of Paul Whiteman's musical existence that Anderson, the New York impresario especially signed by Universal to direct "King of Jazz," was faced with the necessity of visualizing it pictorially.

Anyone familiar with the music will appreciate the magnitude of Anderson's task, but he surmounted it in his usual pretentious way. A huge piano, forty feet long and seven feet high, was constructed to contain the entire organ which comes to the Central Theatre on next change combines a previously unapproached sound-track with the ultimate in beauty. A beautiful tree was built of crystal, and every instrument used in the band, moulded on a gigantic scale, was built into the set. This was all coloured in various shades of Blue. Then the celebrated Sisters "G," the dancing sensation of Europe, and the Hollywood Beauties, an organization of the love-lorn girls in filmland, selected by Anderson, were costumed with the Russell Markert dancers in Alice Blue. Because the production was photographed in Technicolor, several distinct shades of Blue were desired for Anderson's contrasts, and so the Whiteman boys were dressed in royal blue tuxedos.

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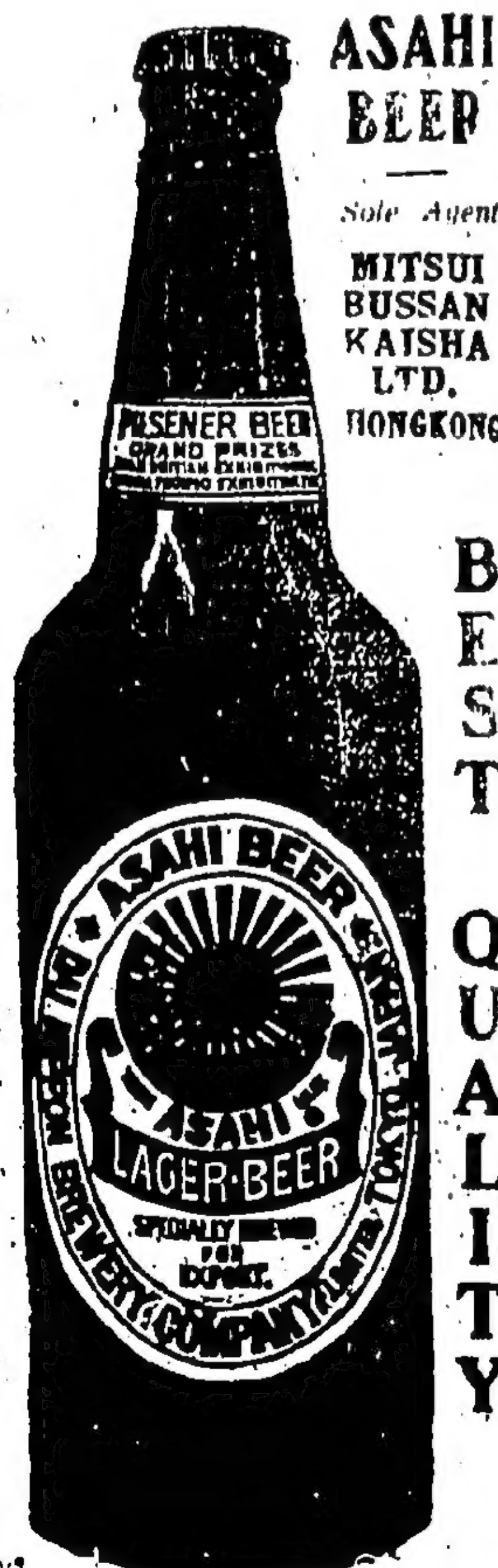
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CHAPTER XLIII

"No, I never met Nita's husband," Serena Hart replied. "As a matter of fact, she told me extraordinarily little about him, and did not discuss her marriage at all. I got the impression that Mr. Selim—Mat, she called him—wanted it kept secret for a while, but I don't know why. This was early in 1918, as I've told you, though I have no way of fixing even the approximate date, and New York was full of soldiers. I remember I jumped to the conclusion that Nita had succumbed to a war romance, but I don't think she said anything to confirm my suspicion."

"When did she tell you of her marriage—that is, when—in relation to the date of the wedding itself?" Dundee asked.

"The very day she was married," Serena Hart answered. "She was late for the matinee. Our dressing tables were side by side, and as she slipped out of her dress—"

"This dress?" Dundee asked, and handed her the photograph of dead Nita in the royal blue velvet dress she had kept for 12 years.

"Yes," and Serena Hart shuddered. "Her hair was dressed like that too, although she had been wearing it in long curls, and had to take it down before she could go on for the opening number. She whispered to me that she had been married that day, that she was terribly happy, very much in love, and that her husband had a good job, and that her hair in the French roll, a favourite hair-dress with him. Between numbers she whispered to me again, telling me that her husband was so different, 'such a lovely'—totally unlike any man she had met on Broadway, poor child. For she was a child still—only 20, but she had been in the show business since she was a motherless, fatherless little drifter of 16—"

"No, she did not tell me how old he was, where he came from, his business, or what he looked like, and I did not inquire. As the days passed—weeks, probably—she became more and more silent and reserved, though once or twice she protested she was still terribly happy. Then came a day when she did not show up for the performance at all. The next night she told me that her husband had left her, after a quarrel, and had not returned. It seems that she had innocently told him how she had camped Benny Steinfeld, the big penny producer, you know, into giving her a 'spot' in his summer show, and that her 'Mat' had flown into a rage, accusing her of having been untrue to him. She never mentioned his desertion to me again, but—"

"Yes?" Dundee prompted.

"Well," Serena Hart went on, uncomfortably, "I'm afraid I rather forgot poor Nita after 'Teasing Tilly' closed, for my next work was in stock in Des Moines. After a year of stock I got my chance in a legitimate show on Broadway, and one day having much to talk with her about, I asked her if she and her husband were reconciled. She said no, that she had never seen him again. Then, in a burst of confidence, she told me that she had hired a private detective out of her meager earnings to investigate him in his home town, or rather the city that he had told her he came from. The detective had reported that no such person as Mat or Matthew Selim had ever lived there, so far as he could find out. I asked her if she was going to get a divorce and she said she was not—that being already married was a protection against getting married in haste again. After that, I rather lost sight of Nita, and practically forgot her, our paths being so very divergent."

"And you never saw her again?" Dundee asked, very much disappointed.

"Oh, yes, two or three times—at openings, or on the street, but we never held any significant conversation," Serena Hart answered, reaching for her hat. "Oh, yes! I was about to forget! I had quite a shock in connexion with Nita. One afternoon—let's see, that was when I opened my first real success, you know—I bought 'The New York Evening Star', which devotes considerable space to theatrical doings, to see what sort of review the show had got, and on the first page I saw a picture of Nita, beneath a headline which said, 'Famous Model Commits Suicide'—"

"What!" Dundee exclaimed, astounded.

"Oh, it wasn't Nita Leigh," Serena Hart reassured him. "There was a correction the next day. You see, an artist's model named Anita Lee had committed suicide, and, as the Star explained it the next day, the similarity of both

the first name and the last had caused the error in the photograph. There was a picture of Nita Leigh, with Nita's statement that 'the report of my death has been exaggerated,' and a picture of the real Anita Lee."

"When did the mistake occur?" Dundee asked, in great excitement.

"Let me think!" Serena Hart frowned. "Hullabaloo opened in New York about the first of May, 1922. Just a little more than eight years ago."

Dundee reached for his own hat, in a fever to be gone, but to his surprise the actress stopped him, a faint colour in her pale cheeks.

"Since you're from Hamilton, and are investigating the murder, you have undoubtedly met little Penelope Crain?"

"I know her very well. It happens that she is private secretary to the district attorney, under whom I work. Why?"

"I saw her as long in the Easter play at Forsythe four or five years ago," Miss Hart explained, her eyes turned from the detective as he dusted it with powder, "and I was impressed with her talent. In fact, I advised her father, who had come from Hamilton to witness the performance, as proud parents are likely to do, to let her go on the stage."

"So you met Roger Crain?" Dundee paused to ask.

"Oh, yes," a charming man, with even more personality than his daughter, the actress answered carelessly, so carelessly that Dundee had a sudden hunch.

"Have you seen Mr. Crain recently? He deserted his family and fled Hamilton, in rather unsavory circumstances."

"What do you mean?" Miss Hart asked sharply.

"Oh, there was nothing actually criminal, I suppose, but he is believed to have withheld some securities which would have helped satisfy his creditors, when bankruptcy was imminent," Dundee explained. "Have you seen him since then—January, that was, I believe?"

"January?" Miss Hart appeared to need time for reflection. "Oh, yes! He sent in his card on the first night of my show that opened in January. It was a flop—lasted only five weeks. We chatted for the Forsythe girls who are now in Hamilton, most of whom I went to school with or have met at the 'Easter plays'."

"You know where Mr. Crain is now?" Dundee asked.

"I have a message for him from Penny, which I should like to reach him."

"Why should I see him again?" Miss Hart shrugged. "And I haven't the least idea where he is living or what he is doing now. Of course, if he should come to see me backstage after 'Temptation' opens—What is the message from Penny?"

"That her mother wants him to come home," Dundee answered. "And I am sure Penny wants him back, too. The mother is one of the sweetest, gentlest, most tragic women I have ever met—tragic you have seen Penny for yourself. The distance has been very hard on them. It would be splendid if Roger Crain would come back and redeem himself."

Half an hour later Bonnie Dundee, in the file room of 'The New York Evening Star', was in possession of the bound volume of the newspaper for the month of May, 1922. Under the caption, on the front page of the issue of May 3, which Serena Hart had quoted so accurately, was a picture of a young, laughing Nita Leigh, her curls bobbed short, a rose between her gleaming teeth. And in the issue of May 4 appeared two pictures side by side—exotic, straight-haired, slant-eyed Anita Lee, who had found life so insupportable that she had ended it, and the same photograph of living, vital Nita Leigh.

When he returned, the files he asked the girl in charge a question:

"Does this copyright line beneath this picture"—and he pointed to the photograph of Nita which had appeared erroneously—"mean that the picture was syndicated?"

"The girl bent her head to see. 'Copyright by Metropolitan Picture Service,' she read aloud. 'Yes, that's what it means. When 'The Evening Star' was owned by Mr. Magnus, he formed a separate company which he called the Metropolitan Picture Service, which supplied papers all over the country with a daily picture service, in mat form. But the picture syndicate was discontinued about five years ago when the paper was sold to its present owners.'"

"Are their files available?" Dundee asked.

"If they are, I don't know anything about it," the girl told him, and turned to another seeker after bound volumes of the paper.

"It doesn't matter," Dundee assured her, and asked for a sheet of blank paper, on which he quickly composed the following telegram, addressed to Penny Crain:

PLEASE SEARCH FILES ALL THREE HAMILTON PAPERS WEEK OF MAY FOURTH TO ELEVENTH NINETEEN TWENTY TWO FOR STORY AND PICTURES ON SUICIDE ANITA-LEE ARTISTS MODEL SAY NOTHING TO ANYONE NOT EVEN SANDERSON IF HE IS BACK STOP WIRE RESULT—HOTEL.

In his hotel, while impatiently awaiting an answer from Penny, he passed the time by scanning all the New York papers of Thursday and Friday, on the chance of meeting with significant revelations concerning the private life of Dexter Sprague or Juanita Leigh Selim, united in death, by the press, at least. There was much space devoted to the theory involving the two New Yorkers with the murder of the racketeer and gambler, 'Swallow-tail Sammy Savelli,' but only two pieces of information held Dundee's interest.

The first was a reminder to the public that certain theatrical columns of Sunday, Feb. 9, had carried the account of Dexter Sprague's engagement to Dolly Martin, popular 'babe' star of Alhambra Theatre, and that the papers of Tuesday, Feb. 10, had carried Sprague's own denial of the engagement.

"So that I, why, Nita tried to commit suicide on Feb. 9—and her attempted suicide, with its tragic consequences for Lydia Carr, is probably the reason Dexter Sprague gave up his picture star," Dundee mused. "Did Nita let him persuade her to go into the blackmail business, in order to hold his wandering, mercenary affections?"

The second bit of information which the papers supplied him was gleaned by Dundee himself, from a new summary of Nita Leigh's last year of life as chorus girl, specially dancer, 'double' in pictures, and director of the Easter play at Forsythe-on-the-Hudson.

"If Nita got a divorce or even a legal separation from her husband after her talk a year ago with Gladys Earle, she got it in New York and so secretly that no New York paper has been able to dig it up," Dundee concluded. "And yet she had promised to marry Ralph Hammond!"

A bellboy with a telegram interrupted the startling new train of thought which that conclusion had started. The wire was from Penny Crain.

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do not ask the help of the trades unions in that competition. They welcome the trades unions because they see in them the best chance of securing co-operation with their workmen in the interests of humanity and efficiency.

This brings me to another fundamental point, too often forgotten, that all industry, and not merely a section of it, has but one end, and that is to raise the standard of living for the whole world, and not only for itself. It has been urged that this oneness of industry could be better realised by admission of the employees to the councils of the employers, and I would suggest as even more likely to do good the admission of employers to the councils of the trades unions. Their presence might be a wholesome corrective to loose thinking and precipitate action.

Delicate Adjustment Necessary.

But, granted that our truest endeavours must be towards a steady improvement of industrial conditions, we shall find that, to ensure it, a very delicate adjustment of function is necessary. This ad-

justment, correctly made, produces commercial balance. I suppose perfect balance could only exist in Utopia. There, agriculture would produce just what the world required in adequate supply. Trade and communications would be such as to distribute that supply equitably. Finance would maintain a credit system neatly adjusted to the needs of trade and distribution. Labour would be so trained as to find full employment, and the flow of recruits to its ranks would be so controlled as to be absorbed in reasoned evolution.

Twenty years ago, after a cycle of increasing prosperity, the world seemed nearer to commercial balance than ever before, and more harm was done by the great war in disturbing the balance than by all the waste and destruction of actual warfare. Labour was displaced, first by the call to the arms, then by diversion of production to those industries which war conditions demanded. Men changed their trades to suit the changed conditions, and the trend of recruitment made the change more lasting. The means of production were re-applied and extended, and the resultant re-capitalisation made this derangement permanent.

Finally, finance was mobilised, and in the process many unsound

methods were adopted, and much re-distribution took place. The balance was destroyed, the complicated fabric of industry fell to the ground, and all our endeavours have so far failed to set Humpty Dumpty up again.

Turning A Blind Eye.

We are too inclined to discuss our difficulties as if they had some quite different cause, but it really looks as though, once again, we were turning a blind eye on a fundamental fact. Politicians and financiers, by one expedient or another, by one palliative or another, have tried to moderate the shock, only to find themselves faced by increasingly difficult problems. Labour is still misapplied, overproduction is rife in the inflated trades, all the world still tries to make and sell the same things regardless of natural development or appropriate enterprise.

What we should do is to face the music and start restoring balance, rather than tinkering away with political expedients. We must weed out unwanted producers, cut out superfluous capitalisation, apply labour reasonably rather than speculatively, and adjust the uneven rewards in the ranks of labour itself, in particular by improving the reward of agriculture. Unless we do, crisis will follow crisis, and catastrophe will follow catastrophe, in ever increasing waves.

It is to the economist we should look for guidance in these hard times. If economic science is a science at all, which I sometimes doubt, it is the science of commercial balance. I cannot help feeling that, like us, traders and workers, they, too, are somewhat shaky on fundamentals. Their pursuit of the gold standard is as full of adventure as the pursuit of the Golden Fleece. The cloud with the silver lining still hangs over the East, obscuring the rising sun.

As an engineer, I often wonder if their gold standard is much better than our old standard of power, "the work of one horse," before we put it into scientific shape.

Loften feel that economists forget that they are dealing in a dynamic, and not a static, science, that their quantities are mostly vectors, and as such, only obey the laws of simple arithmetic in exceptional cases.

Occasional phrases, such as "law of retail prices," or "speed of circulation," show some realisation of facts, but generally they seem to me to be still back on two and two make four. They forget that if two and two happen to be in opposition they will make just nothing. They tell us that if we need out one thousand pounds' worth of goods, in due course we shall get one thousand pounds' worth back. But how will that profit us, in the meantime, we have died or become bankrupt?

Let us pray for an Economic Joule or Kelvin to put their science among the sciences. Then the maintenance of commercial balance will be more easy of achievement.

Economic Science.

In expressing thanks to the speaker, Rotarian Robertson said that he agreed with what Lieut. Col. Morcom had said in the opening part of his address with regard to the necessity for clear thinking. With regard to the position of economic science, he did not think that economists could produce an exact science or claim to do so, as the material on which they worked was constantly moving and

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF BRIG-GENERAL
C. GREVILLE-HARSTON.

By the death of Brigadier-General C. Greville-Harston, of the Royal Marines, which took place at Croydon on January 18, the British navy and army lost one of the most popular figures and a faithful servant who had spent the greater part of his life in the service and defence of his country. The late General, who was in his 83rd year, had spent over 60 years in the service—from 1867 until after the end of the Great War.

Born in 1848, he was the fourth son of the Vicar of Sherborne Abbey, the Rev. Edward Harston, and after having been educated at Sherborne School he joined the Royal Marines in 1867. Being of a mechanical turn of mind he turned to the study of small arms and, in 1868, made the first hammerless gun and invented a quick-firing rifle, both of which he patented. In 1873 he made a short visit to Japan with a Battalion of Marines and on returning home was put in charge of a Company which had been formed to work the rifle he had made. Later he went on official missions to the Balkans, and visited most of the capitals of Europe, regarding which he had many interesting reminiscences to tell of the prominent people he met. In 1882 he took part in the first Egyptian War, on the conclusion of which he went to Canada, receiving a Commission, with the rank of Captain, in the Canadian Forces in 1883. Meanwhile, Captain Greville-Harston had invented yet another rifle—an improvement on the old Martini. When the North West Rebellion broke out in 1885 he was given the command of a Company of Royal Grenadiers and served with distinction throughout the Riel Rebellion, under the late General McKenzie. Still keenly interested in rifle improvements, Capt. Greville-Harston was, at the end of the rebellion, sent by the Small Arms Committee to England where, at Enfield, he designed and made a magazine rifle—the forerunner of the present magazine Lee-Enfield. In 1889 he returned to Canada, serving at the District Camp of Instruction at Niagara. Further work on small arms eventually led to promotion and appointment to the Headquarters Staff of the Master General of Ordnance, and, in 1911, he was gazetted Chief Inspector of Arms and Ammunition for the Dominion. In 1912 he visited England with other Colonial officers for the Autumn Manoeuvres, and spent a month at Woolwich collaborating with the authorities there on munition matters.

Returning to Canada with his wife on the ill-fated "Royal George," which was wrecked below Quebec, Colonel and Mrs. Greville-Harston went through a trying experience, the little boat into which they crowded being tossed about in the lower St. Lawrence for over ten hours in biting cold and a heavy wind. His wife never quite recovered from the harrowing experience and died a short time

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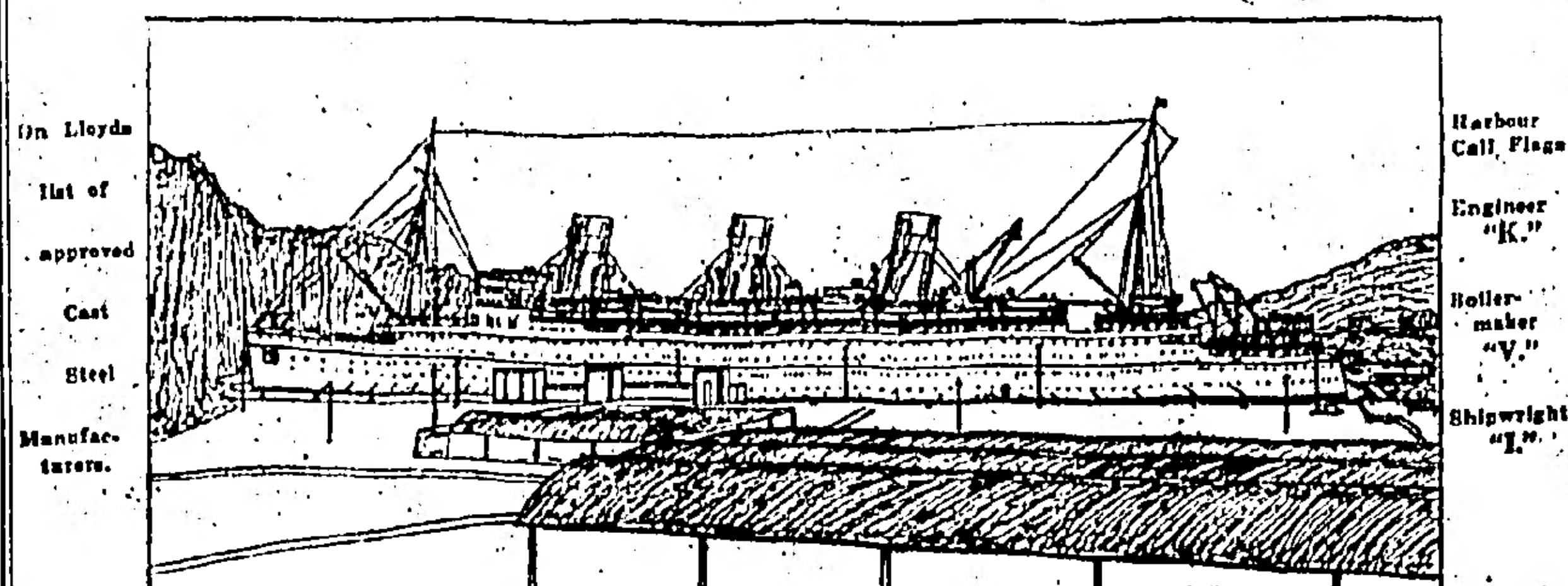
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SANTHA	7,754	13th Mar.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KARMALA	9,128	14th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ISODAN	—	19th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALMA	10,000	25th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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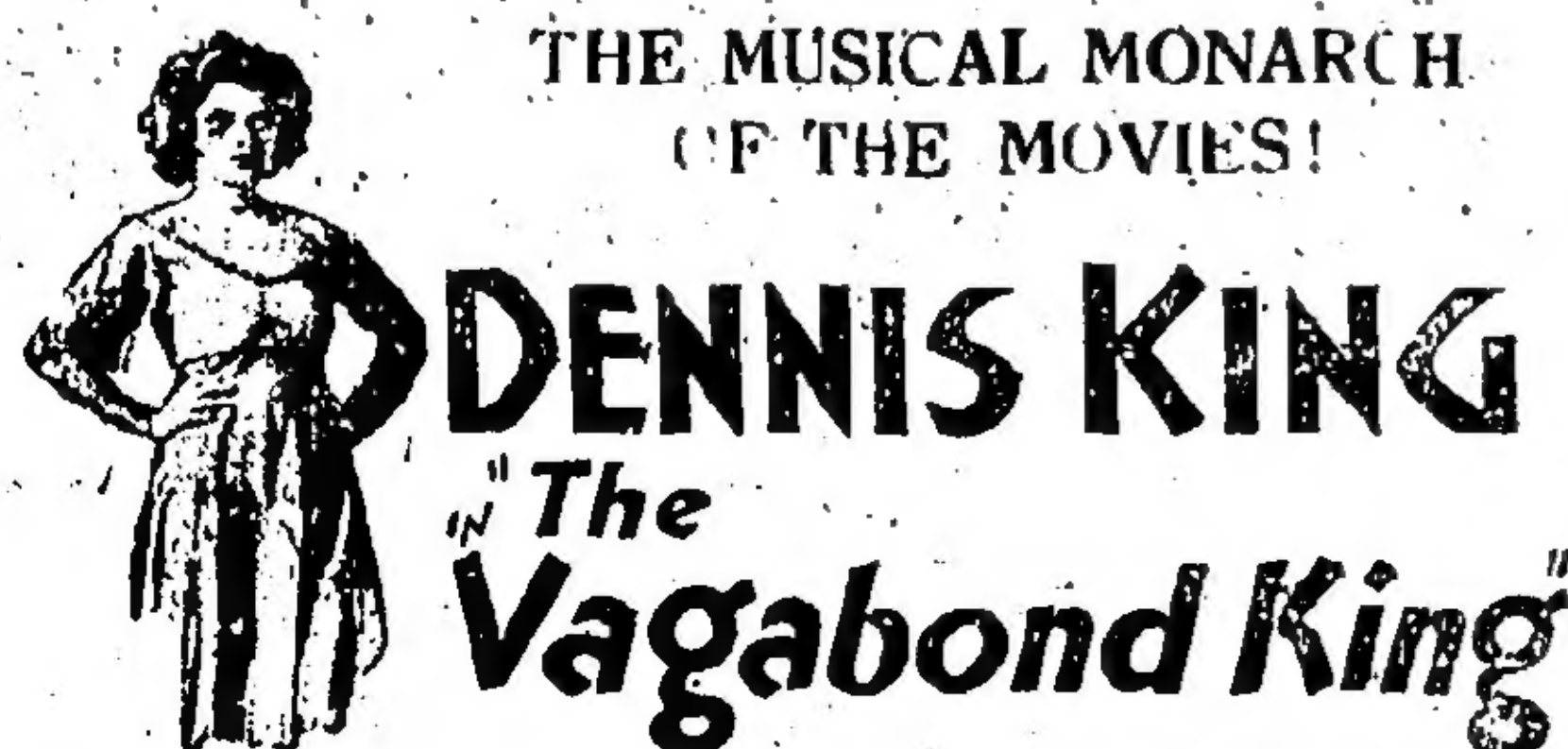


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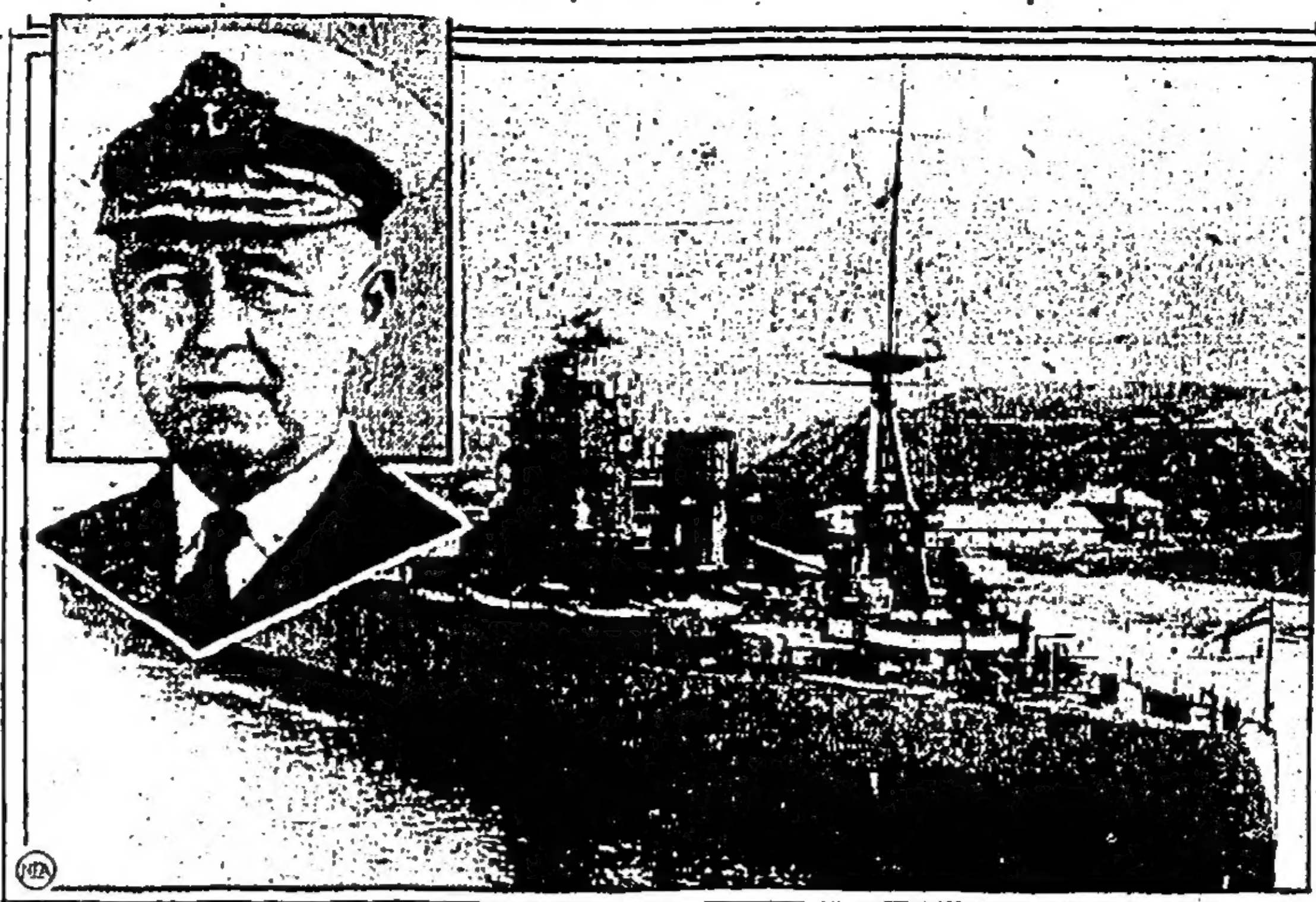
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PUBLIC MONEY VOTES.

\$30,000 REQUIRED FOR
NEW LAUNCH.

THREE OTHER ITEMS.

Four votes totalling \$37,594 are to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at their meeting to-morrow afternoon. The details are as follows:—

Public Works Extraordinary: Barker Road, improvements from Stubbs Road to Victoria Hospital; payment of retention money.

Owing to the extremely dilatory way in which the work has been carried out and also to the contractor disputing his final bill, it was impossible to complete the payments in 1930 and a sum of \$2,050 is required for the payment of retention money. The estimated cost of the work was \$39,000, the contract amount \$38,934.00, and the savings on contract \$9,351.40.

The contractor was fined a sum of \$2,850 for failing to complete the work within contract time.

Girl Guide Grant.

\$44.—Miscellaneous Services. Grant in aid of Institution of Girl Guides Association.

A capitation grant of \$2 per head is made annually to the local Girl Guides and a sum of \$709 is provided for this purpose in the Estimates for the current year. The strength of the Guides has increased to 372 and to pay the full grant on this figure a further vote of \$44 is required.

Latrine and Urinal.

\$2,500. Public Works Extraordinary, latrine and urinal at Davis Street; to complete the work.

Progress was delayed during 1930 due to it being necessary to divert the sewer from under the site of the convenience before construction could be commenced.

New Launch.

\$33,000.—Imports and Exports Office, special expenditure, purchase of launch. For this motor-launch a sum of \$53,000 was provided in Estimates for 1930, and a sum of \$20,000 (to complete) reserved in Estimates for 1931.

Owing to modifications of the plans the contract was not actually signed until this year and it is necessary to re-vote a sum sufficient to bring the 1931 vote up to the total required.

The necessity of proceeding with this work has been agreed to be the Retrenchment Commission and informally by unofficial Members of Legislative Council.

ALLEGED JEWEL THEFTS.

SHANGHAI WOMAN BEFORE THE COURT.

Recognised as she was walking in the street at Kowloon City yesterday, Chan Yau, alias 'Lam Tai-lung, alias Kwai Tze, a Shanghai woman, aged 25, was charged on a warrant issued in August last year, with having stolen jewellery valued at \$5,210. It is alleged that the woman stole the jewellery from a girl to whom she was amah, at an establishment at No. 564 Queen's Road West, on August 24, 1930.

The woman appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Sergeant Clarke, prosecuting, asked that a further charge of having received a handbag and ear-rings be preferred against defendant. They had been missed at the same time as the jewellery was stolen, but in the excitement their loss has not been reported to the police. Complainant had recognised defendant at Kowloon City yesterday, Sergeant Clarke added. None of the jewellery had been recovered.

ONLY FOUR FEET TO SPARE.

H.M.S. NELSON TAKEN THROUGH PANAMA.

SLIGHT DAMAGE.

New York, Feb. 24. A polyglot crowd of Americans, British, Chinese and others, at Balboa in the Panama Canal Zone, witnessed a triumph of navigation when the British battleship, H.M.S. Nelson, with only four feet to spare, passed through the canal locks and docked astern of the U.S.S. Texas.

H.M.S. Nelson, which is on a five days' visit to return a courtesy call paid to Scotland last summer by the American battleships, Utah, Florida and Arkansas, is a vessel of 40,000 tons and is the largest ship ever to negotiate the Canal. Her beam is 106 feet, while the canal locks are only 110 feet wide.

"Threading a Needle."

Admiral Sir Michael Hodges, the commander in chief of the Atlantic Fleet described his efforts to get through the Canal as "Like a man's effort to thread a needle."

Despite masterly handling the passage of the giant ship was not accomplished without damage. Some boom brackets were broken when passing through Gatun Locks, and some of her steel side-plates were slightly bulged when the Nelson bumped into the concrete sides of Pedro Miguel Locks.

The Nelson is of considerable interest to the U.S. Navy as she is far newer and more powerful than anything in the U.S. Navy. She was completed in 1927. The newest U.S. battleship, the West Virginia, was completed four years earlier.

The Nelson carries 9 16-inch guns in three turrets, twelve 6-inch guns and 28 smaller guns.

Sir Michael Hodges (whose picture is inset in that of H.M.S. Nelson above) will be the guest of Admiral Chase during his stay with the American fleet.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PROHIBITION LAW UPHOLD.

(Continued from Page 1.)

stitutionality of the Eighteenth Amendment. Hence it had been taken for granted that the Supreme Court inferentially dismissed the Root argument as of no weight.

Doubted Support.

Judge Clark's own opinion indicated that he has no expectation that a higher court would support him, it is said. He stated specifically that "even if this opinion meets with a cold reception in the appellate courts, we hope that it will at least have the effect of focusing the country's thought upon the neglected method of consideration of constitutional amendments in convention."

Such a disclaimer by a federal judge in advance of a ruling is extremely unusual, and it roused widespread interest in the details surrounding the whole case.

"The case seems to me like threshing out old straw," was Mr. Dunford's comment on the matter. "It is too bad to arouse the thirst of the wets."

"I would like defendant to be remanded in police custody," concluded the officer. "I notice she has a black eye and would like to ask her some questions about it." Defendant was remanded to Friday afternoon.

SERIOUS ASSAULT CHARGE.

POLICE MESSENGER APPEARS IN THE DOCK.

RUPTURED SPLEEN.

A serious assault was alleged, before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, to have been committed by a police messenger on a Chinese of 174 Woosung Street on January 3 last, the complainant being stated to have now recovered sufficiently to be out of danger.

The defendant was represented by Mr. M.A. da Silva, who entered a plea of not guilty.

Detective Inspector C. P. Fallon told his Worship that the defendant was alleged to have gone to 174, Woosung Street, where his wife had previously gone, and after a quarrel with the complainant, who was with the wife, accused struck the other man with his police whistle, rupturing his spleen and causing other internal injuries.

On the application of the prosecution, the evidence of Acting Sub-Inspector Russell, who is leaving for Home on Saturday, was taken before the case was adjourned for another week, pending the discharge from hospital of the complainant.

Witness said that he was on duty when an Indian constable took both men to the Police Station, the complainant being supported by the policeman. In the charge room the complainant collapsed and accused the defendant of having assaulted him.

The defendant was formally remanded for one week, bail being allowed in the sum of \$250.

THE SINO-RUSSIAN CONFERENCE.

GENERAL MOH ON HIS WAY TO MOSCOW.

Nanking, Feb. 24.

Stating that he had reached a complete understanding with the officials of the Nanking Government concerning the future policy of the Sino-Soviet Conference at Moscow, General Mo Teh-hui delivered a speech to eighty Chinese journalists at an official reception given by the Government in honour of the Press on Monday.

After briefly reviewing the history of the Chinese Eastern Railway dispute, leading to the Soviet-Manchurian clash of last year, General Mo said that during his eight months' stay in Moscow he made a close study of the condition of the Russians and had impressed the Soviet officials with the Nationalist aspiration for fair treatment in connexion with the C.E.R.

The Chinese delegate concluded by saying that he was taking fresh instructions from the Nanking Government to Moscow, where the discussions for the settlement of the railway dispute would be continued without delay. The Nanking and Manchurian Governments were unanimous in their policy.

General Mo left Nanking this evening travelling by the Tientsin-Pukow Railway for Mukden in the company of his assistants. He will stop at Harbin and proceed to Russia some time in March. A conference with General Chang Hsueh-liang has been arranged.

Melbourne, Feb. 24.

The Arbitration Court has rejected Mr. Brennan's application to postpone the award of a ten per cent. reduction in the basic wage in Australia.—*Reuter.*

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